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BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE FIGHTING IN A SNOWSTORM

EGYPT TO DECLARE WAR ON AXIS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

General Sir Archibald Wavell has called on the Egyptian Premier, in Cairo, for talks which were attended by the Egyptian Defence Minister.

Recent reports have suggested the possibility of an Egyptian declaration of war against Italy and Germany.—International News Service.

DECISIVE PERIOD OF WAR

"WE ARE NOW IN THE MIDST OF A DECISIVE PERIOD IN THIS WORLD WAR," DECLARED THE U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, COL. FRANK KNOX, GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION OF THE LABOUR SITUATION AND DEFENCE YESTERDAY.

"Step by step I see my country gradually being encircled and isolated, and should disaster come to those actually engaged in this war, I see this nation surrounded by nations who have made known how they feel about our nation and our institutions." — Reuter.

HITLER'S PROGRAMME

HITLER HAS APPOINTED NAZI CIVIL ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE GERMAN-OCCUPIED YUGOSLAV TERRITORIES OF LOWER STYRIA, CARINTHIA AND CARNIOLA, FORMER AUSTRIAN TERRITORY INCORPORATED IN YUGOSLAVIA AFTER THE LAST WAR.

The civil administrators will be directly responsible to Hitler, while the execution of military law remains in the hands of the Army Command.—Reuter.

MR. HOPKINS TO HAVE CHARGE

President Roosevelt has placed Mr. Harry Hopkins, his special envoy, to be officially in charge of the purchasing and acquisition of war materials for all countries under the Lend and Lease Act, says Reuter from Washington.

Nazi Tank Attack On Right Sector Repulsed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A GREEK WAR MINISTRY BULLETIN, READ OVER ATHENS RADIO, CLAIMS SHATTERING AERIAL BOMBINGS OF GERMAN TANK COLUMNS, SUPPLY BASES AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN THE VITAL MONASTIR AREA, ON THE YUGOSLAV-GREEK FRONTIER.

The bulletin stated that the situation of the Greek and British troops holding the main defence line from the Adriatic to the Aegean at Mount Olympus is most satisfactory.

It is declared that the Greek army's morale is better than when the Italians were thrown out of Greece last autumn.

It is claimed the Greeks continued to hold their allotted part of the battle front, and that attacks by Italian patrols in Albania were repulsed with heavy losses in the northern and central sectors and north of the Aous River, near Tepelini.

A Press Ministry communique also asserted that the situation in southern Yugoslavia has further improved.

Britain Rushing Troops

In London, it is stated that fighting in northern Greece is taking place in a heavy snowstorm.

High British quarters scornfully dismissed as "hardly worth denying" Nazi allegations that a general British evacuation of Greece has begun.

On the contrary, it was stated, fresh contingents of British troops have just been landed and powerful reinforcements of British and Greek troops are being rushed to the battlefront to meet the Nazis.—International News Service.

Several Attacks Repulsed

THE WAR OFFICE IN LONDON, IN A COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH THE SITUATION IN GREECE, ANNOUNCES: "ON OUR RIGHT SECTOR SEVERAL ATTACKS BY ENEMY MECHANISED TROOPS WERE REPULSED. IN OTHER AREAS IT IS QUIET." — REUTER.

Italians Caught Napping

Details of the Greek evacuation of the northern sector of the Albanian front, announced in Athens yesterday, show that it was carried out with precision and perfect secrecy, the Greeks

taking away all material and artillery and destroying bridges.

The process of evacuation lasted three days, and on Monday the Italians became aware of it and advanced into the Koritza region.

SMALL GREEK COVERING FORCES WERE ABLE TO RETREAT THEMSELVES WITHOUT LOSING A SINGLE MAN TO THE ENEMY.

The withdrawal has unified the Greek-British defence line which for the most part now consists of territory regarded as very difficult for mechanised columns. — Reuter.

JAPAN MORE CAUTIOUS

After the first flush of enthusiasm for the new Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact, Japanese newspapers have adopted a more reserved tone.

Caution is urged and the view is expressed that unless Moscow suspends help to China and reaches an agreement with Japan on various issues at present outstanding between the two countries, the Pact will be valueless.

One newspaper says the Pact should not be construed as a gesture of goodwill to Japan, but as the natural policy of the Soviet Union which seeks to profit by the wars of others. — Reuter.

BREAK IN RELATIONS PROBABLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Diplomatic relations between the United States and the German-influenced Danish Government have been virtually severed, with a complete rupture expected at any moment.

President Roosevelt declared in Washington that the United States would stand fast in its determination to fortify and defend Greenland, despite the repudiation by Copenhagen of the agreement reached in Washington.

Officials in Washington yesterday conceded the growing possibility of a similar breach with Rome after the State Department's receipt of a further "most vigorous protest" from Italy over the United States' "arbitrary" action in seizing 28 Italian vessels and their crews. — International News Service.

DAYLIGHT OFFENSIVE PATROLS

R.A.F. fighters carried out offensive patrols over the Channel and Northern France during daylight yesterday and shot down two German fighters.

A German bomber was also destroyed by our fighters over the Channel. One British fighter is missing.

No bombs fell on Britain during daylight yesterday.

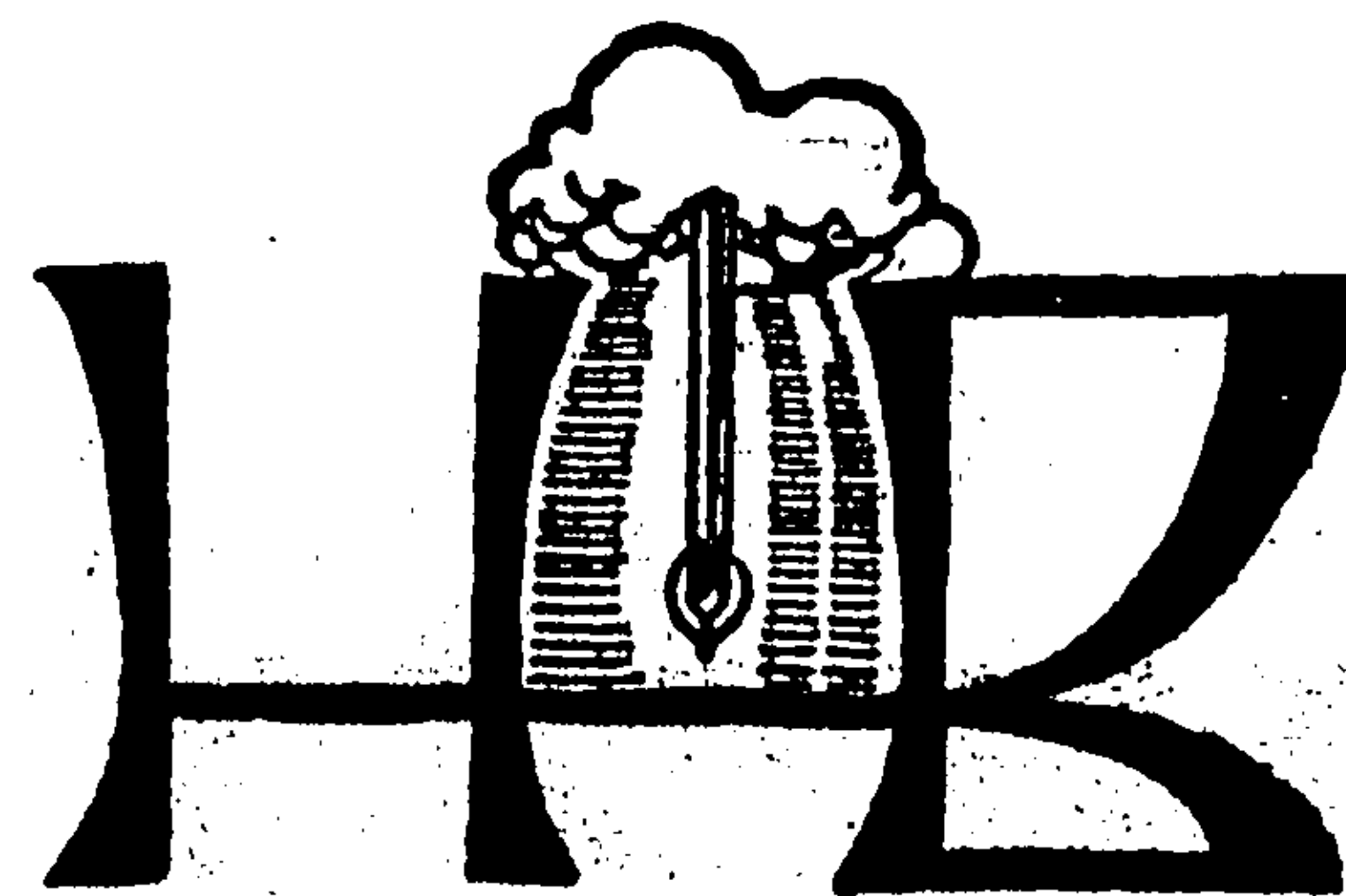
The alert sounded in the London area at a late hour last night and enemy aircraft were reported over areas in the north-west, east and south-west of England, the North Midlands and East Anglia. — Reuter.

BRITISH CRUISER SUNK

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT H.M.S. BONAVENTURE HAS BEEN TORPEDOED AND SUBSEQUENTLY SANK.

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A BRITISH SUBMARINE SANK AN ENEMY TANKER BOUND FOR A PORT IN OCCUPIED FRANCE.—REUTER.

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—AND THEN TRY!

SURPRISE RAID ON NORWEGIAN PORT

Ex-American Destroyer Carries Out Exploit Complete Success Of Sortie

A FORMER UNITED STATES WARSHIP LED THE RAID ON A NORTH NORWEGIAN PORT EARLY ON SATURDAY MORNING, IT WAS REVEALED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

It was one of the American destroyers taken over by Britain last year, four of which are now sailing under the Norwegian flag.

AMERICAN AID TO CHINA

Early announcement of American aid to China under the Lease and Lend Act was indicated by the Chinese Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Hu Shih, after attending a conference at the White House yesterday.

The Ambassador was accompanied to the White House by Mr. T. V. Soong, China's leading financial expert. — Reuters.

RAPID ADVANCE IN ABYSSINIA

BRITISH FORCES ON ROUTE TO GIMMA HAVE REACHED THE RIVER OMO, 106 MILES SOUTH-WEST OF ADDIS ABABA, STATES AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE IN NAIROBI.

Having bridged the Awash River the column moving south from Adama has occupied Aselle without opposition.

Large quantities of material taken at Addis Ababa include surveying equipment valued at £10,000. — Reuters.

The landing party were mostly hardened Norwegian sailors and fishermen, with a sprinkling of pilots who know every fjord and inlet of the intricate Norwegian coast.

The destroyer crept in during the early hours of the morning and landed a party of volunteers. Telephone and telegraph wires were cut and local Quislings and Germans rounded up.

Stocks from the fish oil factory were seized and the factory destroyed, after which other oil depots were disposed of and the harbour works blown up.

The Germans were taken completely by surprise and it was not until 24 hours later that the Nazis outside the area got wind of the raid. Having done its job well, the destroyer drew off in the early morning without a single Allied loss. — Reuters.

FAREWELL TO QUO TAI-CHI

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, WAS AMONG THOSE WHO ATTENDED AN AT HOME GIVEN BY MR. QUO TAI-CHI, THE RETIRING CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, AT THE EMBASSY YESTERDAY.

The American, Russian and Belgian Ambassadors, the Greek and Thailand Ministers, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Sir John Anderson and Viscount Simon were also present.

Chinese costumes worn by members of the Embassy staff mingled with British and foreign uniforms. Mr. Churchill was present at a luncheon earlier. — Reuters.



The use of the stirrup pump for putting out incendiary bombs has proved completely successful under the test of grim experience in England and this equipment is now being strongly recommended for Hong Kong. An invitation was recently extended by the D.A.R.P. for applications for the necessary equipment at low cost. Photo shows a local demonstration of the way an incendiary is tackled, taken last week.

INDIAN TROOPS' GALLANTRY AT MASSAWA

MANY DEEDS OF gallantry by Indian troops during the operations leading to the fall of Massawa, in Eritrea, are described in despatches received in New Delhi yesterday from Eritrea.

The morale of the Italians began to give way under the relentless battering to which they were subjected. Indian troops were quick to seize advantage and to attempt actions against odds which normally would be extremely hazardous.

On several occasions enemy machine-gun positions concealed in wire entanglements were taken at the point of the bayonet, one sepoy taking such a post single-handed by crawling close enough to throw a hand-grenade.

Another havildar led a detachment across a bullet-swept area and minefield to cut off 500 Italian naval ratings holding one sector of the line.

During the attack on the port an Indian company led by a subadar succeeded in rounding up approximately 200 prisoners, all Europeans, who were preparing to make a stand.

Clever Capture

The subadar sent a platoon to the flank with orders to open rapid fire, eventually effecting a clever capture.

Indian troops in carriers were the first to enter Massawa, despite minefields crowding the entrance which were easily located and disposed of by Indian sappers and miners.

As soon as the troops were dismissed in Massawa there was a general rush to the sea and bathing was soon in full swing, though it was nearly midnight. Meanwhile khansamas were settling down to cook an enormous meal of celebration over captured Italian ranges. — Reuters.

CAUTIOUS TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The Mediterranean situation was responsible for the generally cautious tendency prevailing on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Prices were widely marked down but there was no selling pressure. Oil shares and European bonds were especially easy but industrials kept relatively steady and gilt-edged closed steadier. Japanese and Brazilian bonds also declined. Wall Street was barely steady. — Reuters.

U.S. Will Protect Shipping

"The United States will protect her merchantmen wherever they go so long as they do not enter combat zones proclaimed under the Neutrality Act," declared President Roosevelt at his press conference yesterday.

He was replying to a query whether this was the United States policy.

"It is not a question of policy but of law," he added.

President Roosevelt declined to say whether United States ships going to the Red Sea would likewise be protected, adding that he knew of no ships in those waters now.

Questioned on the possibility of arming United States freighters, he said, "There has never been any discussion of that except by orators." — Reuters.

BIG LOAN IN AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA IS TO RAISE A £35,000,000 LOAN, OF WHICH £27,000,000 WILL BE FOR WAR PURPOSES AND THE REMAINDER FOR PUBLIC WORKS, INCLUDING STRATEGIC RAILWAYS AND ROADS.

The loan will be issued in two sections, one short term bearing interest at 2½ per cent and the other longer term at 3¼ per cent. — Reuters.

BRIDE AT 18 REBUKES RECTOR

(By A Special Correspondent)

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Mrs. Gladys Metcalfe tossed her pretty head and exclaimed, "What cheek! Whose business is it but mine at what age I get married?" And that is what most of the girls of Mottingham, Kent, were saying when they heard of the local rector's strictures on youthful marriages.

Writing in his parish magazine, the Rev. C. E. J. Chennell, rector of St. Andrew's, urged couples to delay their weddings until after the war.

"Only One For Me"

"Harry and I had known each other for three years and had been engaged for two when we got married. We were happy enough then, but even though we so rarely see each other we are much happier now. He is the only one for me and always will be.

"Anyway I had a good example to follow. My grandmother wed at seventeen—she is seventy-eight now—and no one can say her marriage was lamentable."

Mr. Walter Crimaldi, the registrar for Edmonton, who supported Mr. Chennell's observations, got even shorter shrift from Mrs. Metcalfe. He had suggested that many married simply to get the Army allowance.

"And I suppose that's why I'm still working like other young married women here," said Mrs. Metcalfe.

"That's what he thinks," said Mrs. Metcalfe, a St. Andrew's bride, who this month celebrates the first anniversary of her wedding. "It was the wisest thing I ever did and you will find most young brides round here say the same."

Gladys was eighteen when she married twenty-five-year-old Driver Harry Metcalfe, of the R.A.S.C.

"So I suppose ours would be one of the marriages of which he didn't approve," she said. "Nobody who knows all the circumstances will agree with him."



New Traffic Control Army Unit. — The dire need for this unit has arisen from the road disorder caused by people leaving evacuated areas, and the clearing of the roads for the military in cases of urgency. There are over 10,000 of these Traffic Control men now on duty in the British Isles. The men are shown under instruction, learning various signals etc.

German Aircraft Shot Out Of Skies Round Tobruk

Twenty Destroyed By Two British Squadrons

TWENTY GERMAN and two Italian aircraft were shot down in the Tobruk area on Monday. Two British fighter squadrons were mainly responsible for this success, announces an R.A.F. communique issue in Cairo yesterday.

When several formations of enemy 'planes attempted to raid a British Libyan outpost, eight Junkers dive-bombers were shot down by one squadron and four more by A.A. fire.

In the same area another squadron shot down a German Heinkel aircraft, two Italian mono-plane fighters and seven twin-engined Junkers bombers.

The bombing and machine-gunning offensive against enemy aerodromes, concentrations of troops and motor transport in Cyrenaica continued throughout Monday and the previous night.

Heavy damage and many casualties were inflicted as a result of these raids, particularly in the Tobruk area.

Much Damage

Military buildings were destroyed at El Adem, Derna and Gambut, while heavy explosions occurred and direct hits were registered on dispersed aircraft.

Full results were difficult to observe but it is confirmed that much damage was done.

Three more German 'planes were destroyed at Mellaha on landing ground near Tobruk where Royal Australian Air Force fighters destroyed two Messerschmitt twin-engine fighters in combat and one Junkers transport 'plane on the ground.

Transport Destroyed

Many enemy motor transport vehicles were destroyed or damaged in this area, too.

Tripoli, main base of German reinforcements in Libya, again was heavily raided on Monday night and, as on Sunday, bombs straddled shipping in the harbour.

One vessel was seen burning fiercely while others must have suffered damage.

Malta Raid

South African Air Force fighters, operating in Abyssinia, machine-gunned the aerodrome at Guana, where two Italian aircraft were burnt out.

Malta was raided again on Sunday night and some damage caused to both civilian and Service property but casualties were few. -Reuter.

CHOSE BLITZ JOB

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT] Volunteer nurses for all parts of Britain are coming to London to take fortnightly turns of blitz work in shelters.

They are members of the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance organisations, specially picked to take the job.

"Between twenty-five and thirty provincial nurses are always working in London," an official of the British Red Cross told me.

"We appealed for help from the country because at first we hadn't enough nurses to staff London shelters. Now more trained nurses are joining shelter staffs.

"Girls work for a fortnight or more in London, then return to their homes. Some stay several weeks.

"They are chosen because of their experience in similar work. Usually they work in shelters with a trained nurse.

"We like the volunteers to be over twenty-five and capable of taking full charge of the shelter in an emergency."

HORSES ARE RAID-PROOF

By A Special Correspondent
A.R.P.-trained plough horses plod over the fields of Eastern England, undisturbed even by enemy 'planes.

Farmers found that the zoom of 'planes and rattat of machine-gun fire upset the horses, so they trained them to be shock-proof by swinging rick-scaring rattles until the animals ignored the noise.

Now the plough horses are no longer restless when 'planes circle overhead.

A team at one East Anglian village was machine-gunned twice recently. The horses were indifferent to their danger.

"Why should my beasts bother?" the old farmer asked his pals in the local that night. "Jerry can't get nearer than five yards to his target. I saw the earth splutter up as we walked down the furrow."

"Trained my teams with a rick-scaring rattle that taught them not to worry about a few bangs."

Mr. Moyses Stevens, head of the well-known London florists.

"Government restrictions, bad weather, and loss of foreign sources have reduced the quantities of flowers available, but it is this new flower habit of the Midlands factory girls that is keeping prices up."

BLOOMS GO TO MUNITION GIRLS

By A Special Correspondent

The high price of cut flowers in London at a time when they should be getting cheaper is largely due to the fact that girl munition workers in the Midlands are spending their money on brightening their homes.

Thousands of these girls are getting more wages than ever before, and they are buying flowers regularly for the first time in their lives.

"They are finding the joy of having fresh blooms about them, and are buying from the florists at whatever price is asked," said

HURRICANES SHATTER RAIDERS OVER PIRAEUS

R.A.F. FIGHTERS shot down five Junkers twin-engined bombers and severely damaged several others, which are unlikely to have reached their base, yesterday morning when German 'planes attempted the first recorded dive-bombing attack on the Piraeus, the harbour of Athens.

Slight damage was caused to R.A.F. property. All our fighters returned to base.

R.A.F. bomber operations from Greek bases are playing havoc with German communications.

A pilot officer participating in the initial attack on troop concentrations near Yanitza described yesterday the "truly remarkable" effect of a tracer machine-gun bullet attack on a long convoy near Pella.

ONE LORRY BURST INTO FLAMES, ANOTHER SUDDENLY OVERTURNED, BLOCKING THE ROAD COMPLETELY, AND A THIRD CRASHED INTO A DITCH.

The accuracy and teamwork displayed by these waves of British bombers were equalled by the clockwork arrival of two sergeant pilots who took two bombers over Sofia on Sunday night and reported large fires and explosions in marshalling yards.

A direct hit on a munitions train tossed one 'plane about like a leaf and almost blinded the pilot. -Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICANS FOR LIBYA

"SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY FORCES ARE NOW LIKELY TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING IN AFRICA BEYOND EAST AFRICA AND ABYSSINIA."

This announcement was made by the Department of Defence in Pretoria in a statement yesterday calling for recruits for all branches of the defence forces. -Reuter.

MACKENZIE KING FOR WASHINGTON

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, left Ottawa for Washington yesterday, says a Reuter cable.

STAFF TALKS IN ANKARA ADJOURNED

Lt-Gen. Sir James Marshall-Cornwall has left Ankara for Egypt.

Accompanied by Air Marshal Elmhurst he arrived in Turkey from Egypt at the beginning of April to resume talks with the Turkish General Staff.

-Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON SOFIA

Aiming at dislocating German communications at Sofia, the R.A.F. raided the Bulgarian capital on Sunday night.

The main goods station, marshalling yards and warehouses were the chief targets. Many fires were started in the goods yards where two trucks received direct hits and blew up with a detonation that suggested they contained explosives.

An R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday records that enemy convoys leading the German march into Greece were again successfully attacked by bombers.

THEY WERE IN THE REGION OF YANITZA, PTOOEMAS, KOZANA AND GORNA DJUMAYA AND MUCH DAMAGE WAS CAUSED TO ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL.

Patrolling R.A.F. fighters shot down two Junkers dive-bombers in the Volos area and a third near Ptolemais, where a Messerschmidt fighter was also destroyed.

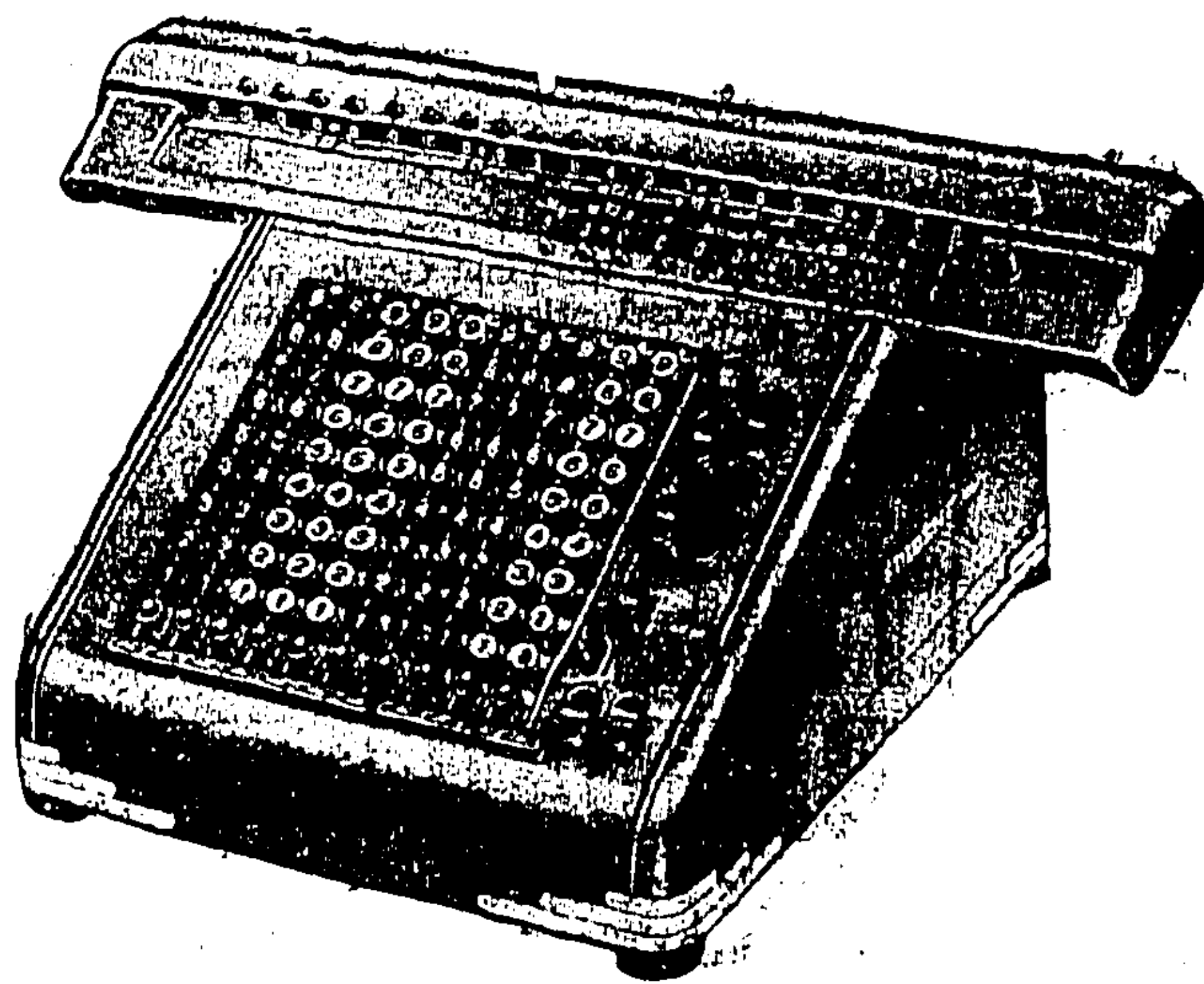
No R.A.F. 'planes are missing from these operations. -Reuter.

RIGHT TO TAKE OVER SHIPS

Legislation authorising President Roosevelt, during the present emergency, to purchase, requisition or take possession of foreign merchantmen lying idle in United States ports, was laid before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday by its chairman, Senator George. -Reuter.

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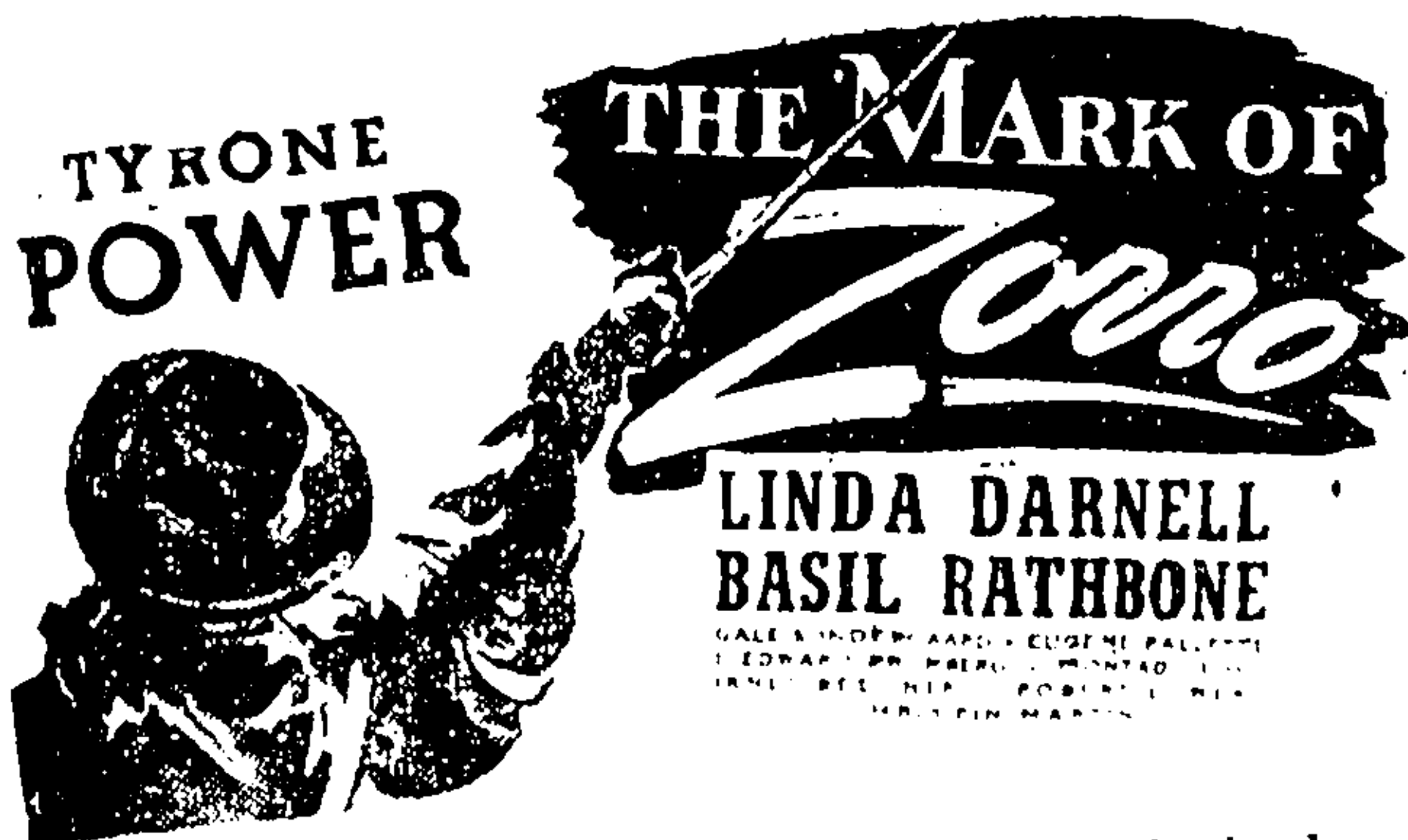
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THE CHOICE BEFORE WAVELL

The point whether we should have completed the conquest of Libya by going through Tripoli, will be an argument even when the war is over, declares the military correspondent of the "Yorkshire Post."

Libya did not stand alone, however, as the Germans had decided to aid Italy by entering on a Balkan campaign, while large forces were still engrossed in East Africa.

Our choice of action had to be made from the following:

First, accept the German challenge in the Balkans.

Second, a race against the races in Abyssinia to conquer the country and obtain the use of troops now there.

Third, concentrate on the two African campaigns and give the Germans a walk-over in the Balkans down to the Mediterranean.

The Right Thing

Had we decided on the third course, the Germans might now have been in Athens. We surely did the right thing in deciding on the first and taking a risk in Libya and adjusting matters there by quickly releasing troops after East Africa's conquest.

Such an adjustment was, and is possible, but had we let the German Balkan challenge go by the board, or he failed to liquidate East Africa, recovery would have been hard work for a year or more ahead. *Reuter.*

BLIND BOY'S £600 DAY

A blind boy, Jonathan Fisher, who lives with his father at Grange Farm, Ivegill, near Carlisle, Cumberland, has collected £611 in one day for the local War Weapons Week.

Led by his sheepdog, Jonathan set out on a bitterly cold day to collect money.

Jonathan and his dog hiked over hills and dales, calling upon farmers, labourers in the fields and cottagers' wives.

Returning home he added up his money and made out a neat account in Braille. Next morning he presented the £611 to Mrs. Bryson, village schoolmistress, who is treasurer of the Saving Fund.

B.B.C. KEEPS YOUNG MEN

Ninety-five members of the B.B.C. staff under the reserved age of thirty have been granted temporary deferment.

The Minister of Labour said that in Parliament. He was not aware, he added, that the B.B.C. engaged men registered for military service, who then received exemption.

He had decided to continue reservation of man power for the distributive food trade to the greatest possible extent.

People in these and other trades must recognise that the training of other people must go on.

They should not leave their problem until the actual call-up.

The Minister denied there was anything unfair in the way the Schedule of Reserved Occupations treated Civil Servants and men who were in similar jobs in industry.

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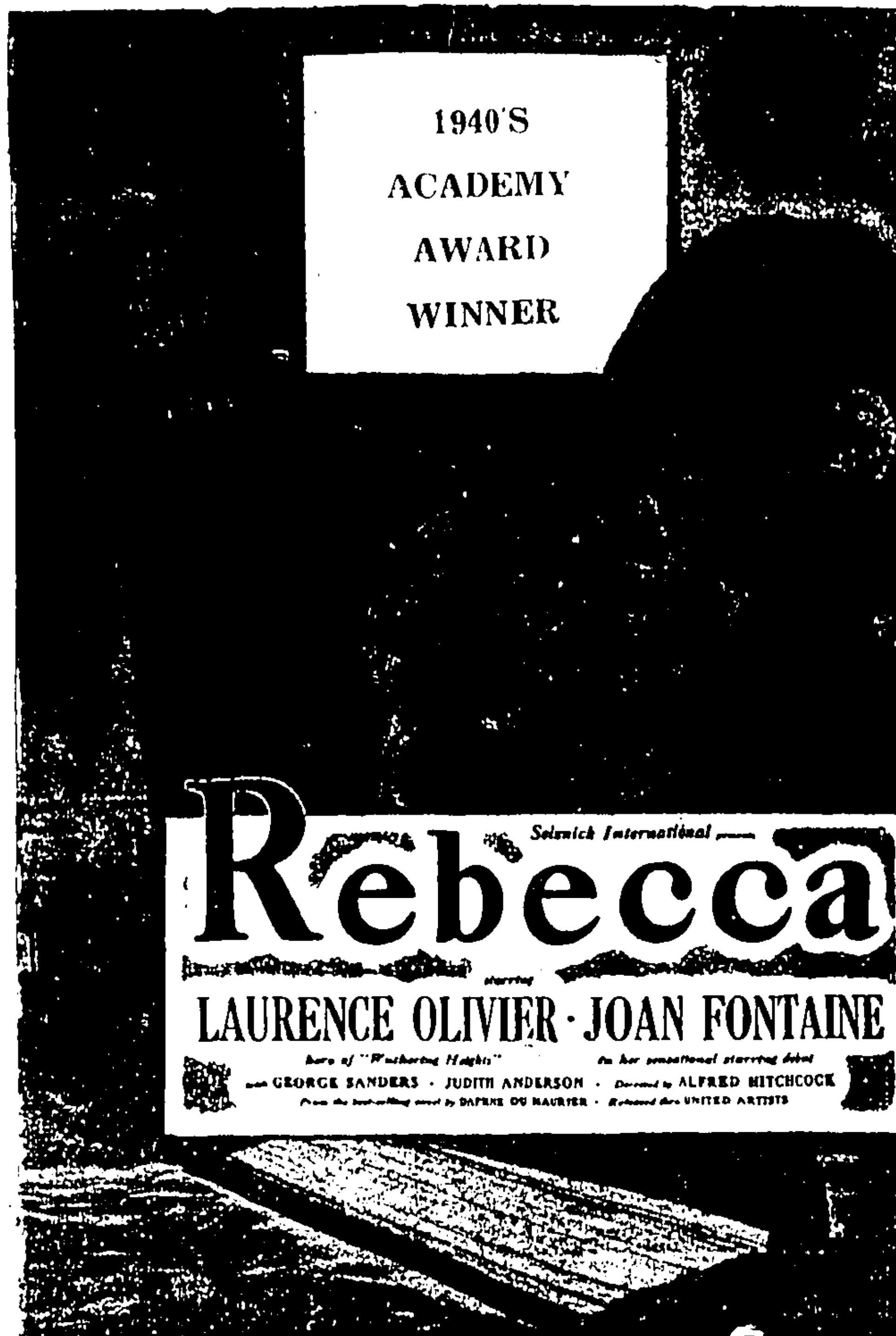
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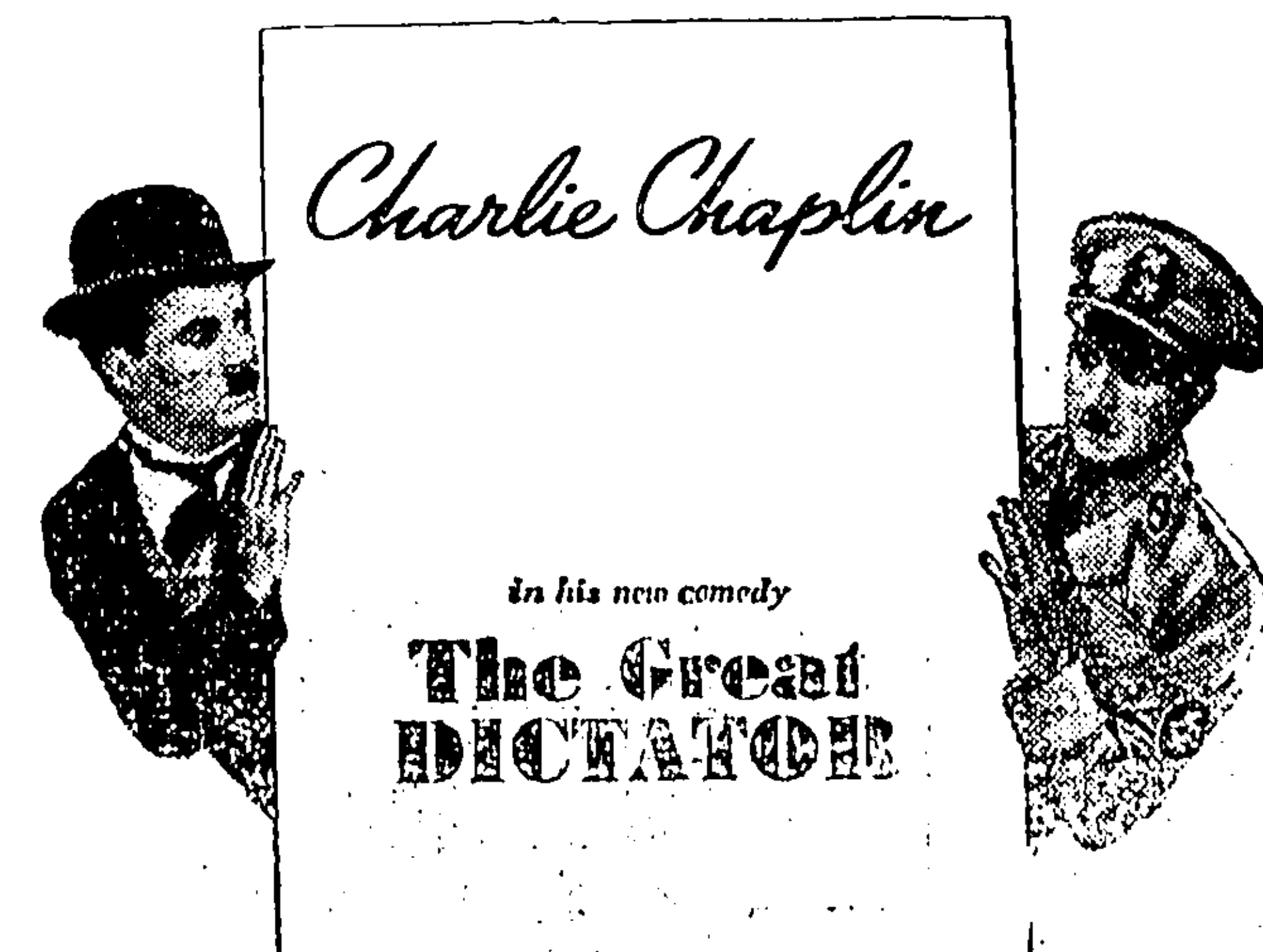
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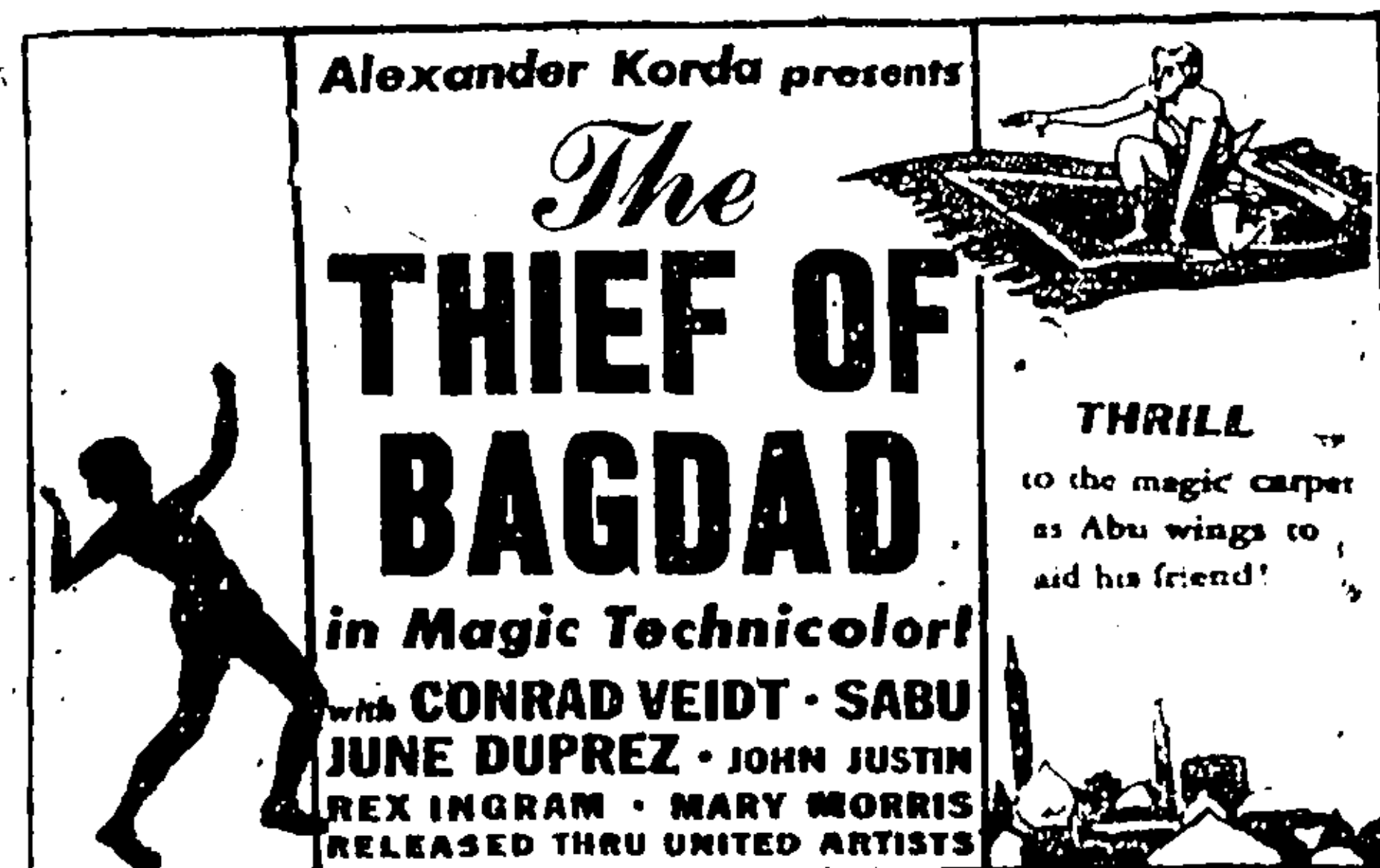
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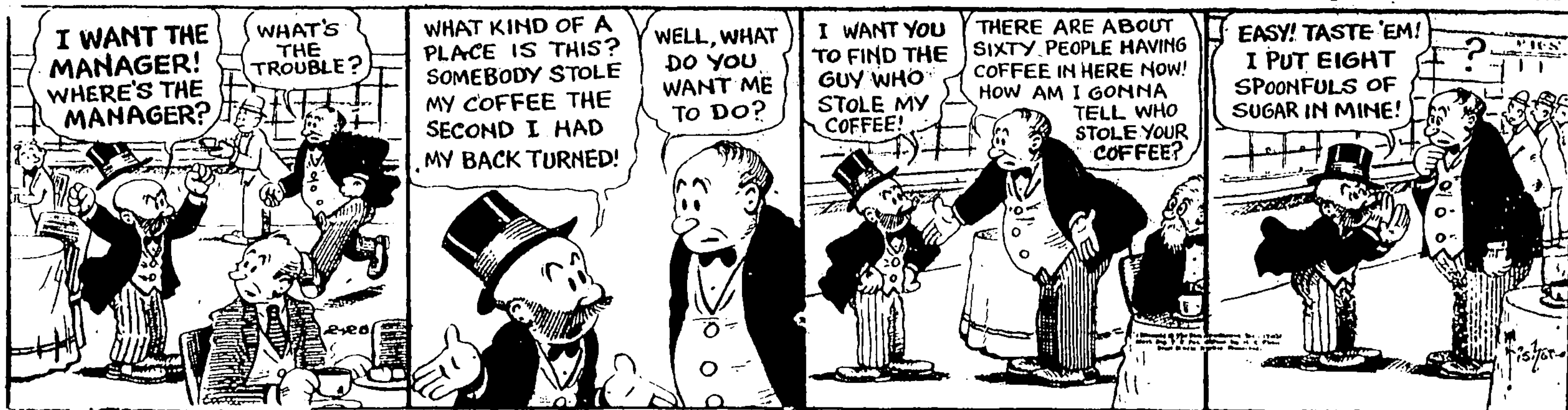


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HORIZONTAL

- Absorbed
- Sea-eagle
- Partly open
- Always
- Cry of a dove
- Russian river
- Not any
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- Poker Ante
- Bone
- To eat away
- Poisonous snake
- Article
- Wastecloth
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- Girl's name
- Creator
- In process of settlement
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- Possessive pronoun
- To be mistaken
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- Coral Island
- Exists
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- First

VERTICAL

- California rockfish
- River in England
- Five-sided figure
- Woody plants
- Reverberation
- Cooks thoroughly
- Plane surface
- Islands off Ireland
- Meadow
- To appear
- To wrest
- Some
- Concludes
- And not
- Ancient musical instrument
- Queen of the gods
- Barren
- Speed contest
- Indo-Chinese tree
- Footlike part
- Warmth
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- European fish
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SIR DELVES BROUGHTON COMMITTED

Sir Delves Broughton was committed for trial in Nairobi yesterday on a charge of murdering the Earl of Erroll. — Reuter.

"ONE-DAY-NOT-HUNGRY PILL" ADVERTISED

Shanghai has always been a hunting ground for opportunists, adventurers and speculators, but the idea of feeding a person with only one "stop-hunger pill" so that he or she will not feel hungry throughout the day, should strike any one in these days of high cost of living as a timely invention. The inventor, a Chinese, may be an opportunist or a speculator or both, but the fact that he has inserted an advertisement of his new invention in one of the leading Chinese dailies on the local news page indicates that he is doing much more than merely injecting humour into the present serious food situation here.

"It is a sacred dose prepared by the well known ancient doctor Hwa Tor, and the prescription has been endorsed by well known doctors of to-day," he advertises, giving the full address of his factory and his telephone number. One spends only 50 cents and he or she will not be hungry throughout the day, he asserts. He calls it a "relief for rice shortage" and a "rational presentation." The name of his "yuen" or anti-hunger pills is "Yi Jih Po Chi Yuen," or literally "One-day-not-hungry pill."

He does not explain his invention in terms of vitamins, but he claims that this is a most nourishing food, which was used by the Chinese military in ancient times and those ancients who retired to the mountains. Using the original prescription, he claims, his "yuen" has been examined by well known doctors of to-day who have testified to its richness in nourishment. Nor does he take the trouble of explaining the contents of his medicine but he says that it is substantially the same as the new medicine such as the one used by German parachute troops. He has tested his invention many times and is making it in a wholesale way. He does not wish to make a big profit but appeals to philanthropists for help to the poor. Public-spirited people are asked to buy his pills for distribution among the poor.

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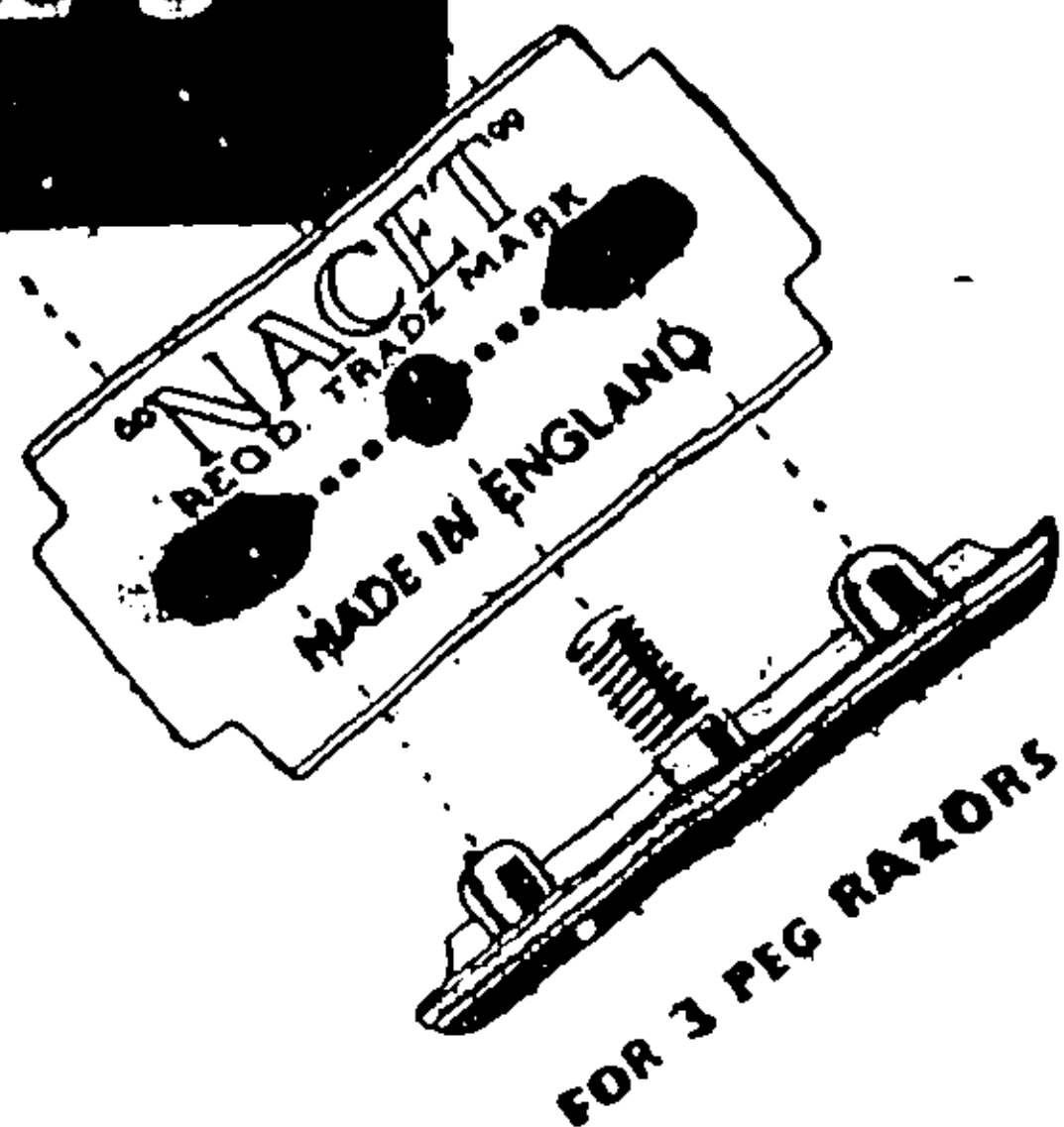
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JAPAN'S "WAR OF NERVES" EASES

TOKYO KNOWS AMERICA WILL FIGHT

(This is the first of several uncensored articles appearing in the "Manila Bulletin" on the Pacific "war of nerves" as seen from within Japan by an American observer).

JAPAN TO-DAY is seeking an "honourable" escape from the international swamp into which irresponsible officers in China and other army extremists have led her.

The "war of nerves" has ceased considerably within Japan because officials have backed down from their previous challenging attitude toward the United States.

But the danger has not been eliminated — possibly it has not even been lessened — that war or revolution alone can solve the multitude of problems which daily grow larger around the patient, bewildered people of the archipelago.

High-ranking Japanese army and navy officers finally are convinced that the United States will fight to protect what they consider inconsequential rights in the Far East. America's recent policies in the Orient have been sufficiently strong to impress some of the short-sighted army extremists who are responsive to only one appeal — force.

Their support has enabled the more intelligent navy to convince the high command that at least a temporary halt must be enforced on actions calculated to over-excite the "excitable Americans."

Prior to Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka's European junket, the high command decided to restrict its "power politics" for the moment to Great Britain's Far Eastern possessions and, of course, French Indo-China, Thailand and the Dutch East Indies.

Reason Plain

Even the problem of the East Indies — the key to Japan's aims — has been softpedaled recently, despite the discouraging prolongation of current economic negotiations. The reason is plain: The United States has identified herself too clearly with the future freedom of Batavia.

The Japanese are less reluctant to move against Britain because they believe her to be too weak to care much about the Far East. Furthermore, the high command hopes to test by this relatively safer approach whether Washington is actually prepared for large-scale hostilities.

Japanese policies are within the framework of a long-range dream but they are acutely responsive to international developments. The high command is not yet convinced that the United States is prepared to fight for Britain's Far Eastern possessions. They classify numerous statements to this effect as mere propaganda.

Anti-British Campaign

The anti-British campaign, as a temporary means of postponing decision on the fundamental question of war with the United States, is typically Japanese. It enables them to impress their people with greater strides toward the "East Asiatic co-prosperity sphere." They can strengthen their position in the event a move against the East Indies becomes inevitable. And, they hope, it may allay some of America's "stubbornness" which has been apparent, even through the censored Japanese press.

Whether the campaign is accelerated or muted depends largely upon what Matsuoka brings back from Europe — whether instructions from Germany or the conviction that Japan is in danger of duplicating Italy's folly. They latter observation, which some Japanese are beginning to see, may be uppermost in the foreign minister's mind after the Yugoslavia crisis and Britain's latest victory in the Mediterranean.

Oil Supplies

Foremost among the forces driving Japan southward is the widely held belief in Japan, that she must do so in order to

insure her national life. The strategic element in this situation is oil.

The United States, by its power to embargo oil, holds a headman's axe over Japan. The East Indies provide her only other source for fuel in sufficient quantities and of sufficient high-content to run her war machine. Japan lacks the foreign money necessary to purchase East Indian petroleum even if the Dutch were willing to sell unlimited quantities.

A satisfactory commercial agreement might have been possible between Batavia and Tokyo if, at the outset of negotiations, the Japanese had proceeded cautiously. The Dutch were willing to grant concessions, possibly against American and British advice, in order to insure peace. But the Japanese duplicated many of their previous diplomatic blunders by insisting that politics — meaning Japan's "rights" — be considered simultaneously with economic matters. Now the Dutch are wary. With more active American and British support, they are demanding cash on the barrel head.

False Hopes

Fed repeatedly on false hopes and long sick of the China affair, the rank and file of Japanese have new and dangerous faith in the emergence of the "co-prosperity sphere."

At the outset of the current "emergency period," beginning with the Manchurian incident of 1931, they were regaled with the dream of a "yen-bloc" which would alleviate the ills of a scanty group of islands where many raw materials were lacking. The government finally admitted, last April, that what they sought — what thousands of Japanese had died for — was not within that area.

The "co-prosperity sphere" was elaborated by politicians. The people still have faith in it — a faith that might produce unpleasant domestic repercussions if Japan falls short of her goal. The fishermen and shopkeepers have endured hardship and personal loss for too long without tangible reward, beyond platitudinous government statements which now are falling flat. Even the patient Japanese can reach the breaking point, as has been demonstrated repeatedly by their stormy internal history.

NAZI GENERAL KILLED

General Roettig, a German officer, has been killed during a clash between Polish armed bands and German police.

There has been serious fighting with armed bands of Polish soldiers in hiding, says "Deutsche Rundschau."

LURED BY GLAMOUR

A man whose wife, a mannequin, was "carried away by glamour" was awarded a decree nisi and £1,500 damages and costs in the Divorce Court.

"A man of very considerable means," was counsel's description of Mr. Charles Lee, partner in a firm of metal brokers, cited as co-respondent by Mr. Philip Henry Riseley, of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, who alleged misconduct by his wife, Eleanor Mary Maxwell, nee Best, with Mr. Lee.

"Carried Away"

The suit was not defended except on the issue of damages.

Mr. and Mrs. Riseley, who lived at Newton-mansions, Queen's Club-gardens, S. W., have one child.

Mr. Riseley's case was that the marriage, in 1935, was an ideally happy one until August, 1938, when his wife and he went to Brittany for a holiday and met Mr. Lee.

Afterwards Mrs. Riseley said she was in love with Mr. Lee and was going to live with him. In 1938 she left her husband.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Hodson said the husband was of moderate means, and his wife, said to be tall, attractive and fond of gaiety, worked as a mannequin.

When the wife met Mr. Lee she seemed to have been carried away by the glamour he was able to give out.

TEACHERS MUST BE OVER 40

SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT Britain are finding great difficulty in getting men teachers. Science and mathematic masters for public, grammar and secondary schools have long been at a premium. There is even a shortage of private tutors in these subjects.

Now there is a shortage of classic masters, and the older men, some of whom have retired, are in urgent demand.

Where the Burnham Scale of payment is in operation, many of these men called from retirement are entitled to ask for a considerable increase above the Burnham minimum for every year of "recognised" teaching, which means that although they

may not have worked for some time, they will be better paid than younger teachers.

In anticipation of a big call-up some headmasters are already stipulating applicants must be over 40.

There are plenty of women quite competent to teach science, mathematics and classics, but few headmasters are prepared to employ them to teach boys.

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NEUTRALITY PACT

Mr. Matsuoka went for a non-aggression treaty and is returning, thankful to have anything at all, with a neutrality pact. Those are the facts, and they seem simple enough until an attempt is made to adjust them to the wider international situation. The complexity of that riddle is best indicated by the widely varying opinions on the significance of the agreement. No two commentators agree on all points. Difficulty seems also to be experienced in all commentators agreeing on any one point.

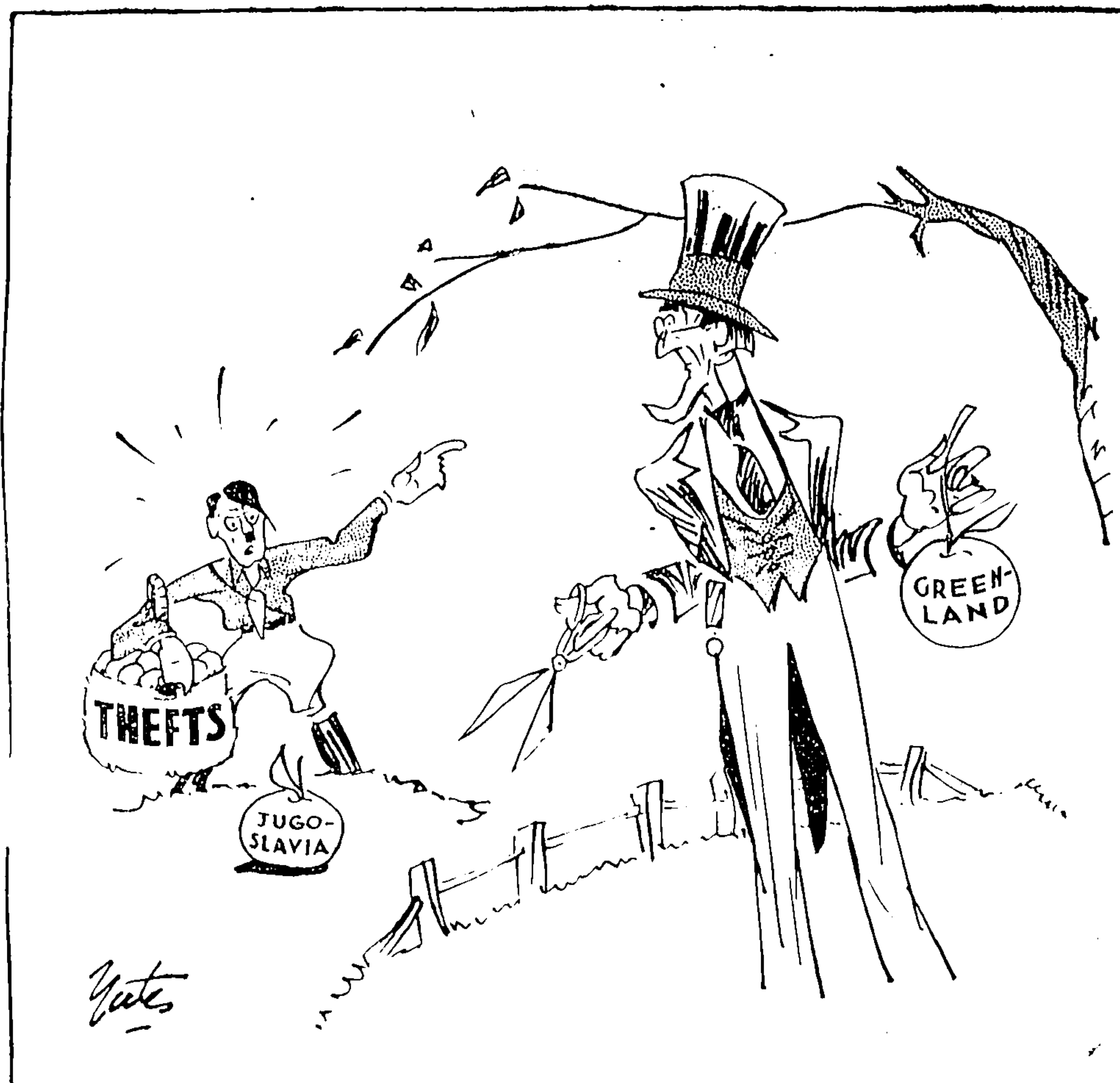
It is, nevertheless, extremely doubtful whether the Nazi hierarchy can find anything in the agreement to give satisfaction. The one factor which must have been ever-present in the minds of Mr. Matsuoka and M. Stalin when the text was being discussed was the existence of a military alliance between Germany and Japan. Yet Japan has accepted the role of neutral in any conflict in which Russia may find herself defensively engaged. Fresh from a survey of Axis might and resources, Mr. Matsuoka openly and heavily discounts the strength of the tie between Tokyo and Berlin.

Out of the pact, on the face of it, both countries secure new liberties of action, with a strong suggestion that both are likewise playing for safety. Pact values these days, however, are purely relative, and the most relevant issue in this case is the great imponderable: the degree of faith placed by either in the other's signature.

NAZI TACTICS

The device of broadcasting false news to create confusion and depression is an old German trick and it is being exploited to the full in the Balkans.

Three days ago, it may be recalled, the German High Command was credited with an official communique announcing the fall of Larissa, a report since exposed as a grotesque invention. On Monday night, they were insistently alleging that King Peter of Yugoslavia had fled to Athens on his way to London, that scores of transports were on their way to Athens to evacuate the British Expeditionary Force and that British troops were evacuating Tobruk. There was not, of course, the slightest foundation for



HI! THAT IS ILLEGAL!

All Fire Fighters Are Heroes

Poplar, which I visited first on my fire tour, is one of the most bombed areas in London. But the more bombing they get there, the keener the people are in tackling their problems.

A full quota of incendiary bombs has fallen in the district, but, thanks to the foresight of the Council, who sought and quickly got the cooperation of the people, the potential danger of these "fireworks" was considerably reduced.

Before the blitz started they had 210 fire parties, and in September the number of volunteers had risen to over 2,000. To-day they are the most completely organised fire-watching and fighting units in the country.

Plan For Week

And what enthusiasm! I dropped in at the local "headquarters" of a group to find there must have been 50 of them. Sitting on chairs, cushions, settees and table corners in the home of Mrs. Brunskill, who doesn't seem to mind how they use her furniture so long as they get on with the job.

Her husband, a Port of London Authority worker, is a "big noise" in this sector, and with Councillor J. Ashley carries out the administrative side of the "business."

A mixed crowd. No time to get to their homes for a wash or food; they had come straight to Mrs. Brunskill's parlour for their weekly meeting.

There sat the secretary and chairman, taking reports from the watchers (and how thorough they were!) and making plans for the next week's rota.

Around the table were a win-

any of these reports, unless the arrival of transports carrying additional reinforcements for Greece could be so interpreted!

The only safe course these days when the war of the ether is scarcely less carefully organised than military operations, is to believe nothing, until it bears an official stamp from the Allied side.

down cleaner, upholsterer, milkman, he's the secretary, store-keeper, taxidriver, shopkeeper, painter's labourer, plumber's improver, fish porter, father and son linked in the building trade, and another family combination of timber foreman and milkman.

Behind the seated secretary and chairman were four 16-year-olds, who act as messengers in raids.

Well, these men, as you can guess, do their eight, ten and 12 hours a day before they have the chance of thinking about the night's "work" on the roof and in the streets. Yet, believe me,

By William Gibbons

they put in eight-hour shifts on their fire spotting. That surely must be something of a record.

"It has its advantage," one told me. "You see, we haven't to dress to go to work. We're all ready."

I went on the roof with the spotters, who are armed with a hooter (a railway platelayer's horn). Their job is to watch the "fun" above and when they see any incendiaries to blow the horn and shout a message down to one of the "boys," who races to the nearest post.

When there's an alert the men can use a shed in a back garden that has been fitted with a stove and there's refreshment provided from a fund contributed by residents.

Competition

A chat in the "local," the proprietor of which has offered one of her larger rooms for meetings and recreation, and then a look around the various groups.

Councillor Ashley, I gathered, knows something about news. "Now here's a little item for you," he says to me, as we walked through a street that had been completely evacuated. "At that house you see a pail of water. Well, the woman who lived in the house is now a couple of streets away, but regularly she comes along and replenishes that pail with either water or sand!" Can you beat it?

All the women volunteers, he told me, had been instructed in the use of stirrup pumps and sand bags, etc., "but the men are so keen that they won't let the women come in on it," Mr. Ashley said.

I felt it was a night well spent. I had an insight into the real character of these men, who measure their contribution to the war effort in their strength and labours.

In Belgravia

"On the following night I went to Eaton-square, in Belgravia, to the homes of people you and I rank as the rich "upper ten." What are they doing? Are they pulling their weight?

I soon found the answer. I dined with Major H. Cunningham Brodie and his wife in the quiet dignity and comfort of one of the few houses in that area that does not bear marks of bomb blasting.

The butler served dinner — all within ration restriction, let me say, even if enhanced by a professional cook—and disappeared.

He, like his employer, had other duties to perform. He is a member of a fire-watching squad and, one task over, he undertakes another more perilous out in a raid.

Major Brodie showed me the real meaning of adaptability. Partner in a firm of colonial merchants, he is a member of the Cavalry, City of London and Hurlingham clubs. That, you would say, indicates affluence. Yes. But it is all shed to-day. He is a post warden and has done much in organising fire-watching parties in his district.

He went out in the raid to see what was going on in the crypt of St. Peter's Church, where Prebendary Austin Thompson "houses" evacuated people.

Here was the perfect example of the deep shelter. Equipped with bunks, these people, of various nationalities, find blessed sleep and rest after the torments of bombing.

Back in her house, Mrs. Brodie — she is the daughter of the late Sir Robert Hart, former Inspector General of Chinese Customs in China — sat knitting in pursuit of her war effort. She is a member of a group who supply all kinds of knitting and needle work — hospital bandages, doctors' and nurses' masks, and clothing for bombed-out people.

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The expert in directing underground jobs is a Canadian, Major Colin Campbell. Recently he has been supervising work in Britain. He directed construction of a hospital cut out of deep English rock and chalk. The institution was made gas-proof and fitted with heating and air conditioning equipment.

However, Major Campbell said the Gibraltar job was the most interesting.

"In the great rock," he explained, "there are tunnels extending if they were laid out straight over 2,000 miles. The Moors started them and we ran across underground passages hewn by hand by Spaniards and British."

"Gibraltar Is Solid"

"There is still a lot of good rock left," he said. "Gibraltar is solid."

Discussing underground establishment in general, Major Campbell said machinery is available to permit constructing vast storehouses that could protect food, records and valuables while still providing working space for business concerns. Small towns could be planned and excavated, he said.

Engineers working with Major Campbell are from every Canadian province. The rank and file of his unit include what he called "a regular league of nations."

"I have fellows from every province," he declared. "I knew a lot of them before. Most of them worked for men I knew. We have Canadian-born Italians, a Dutchman, Swedes, Finns, Spaniards and every Slav country is represented. There is an Australian who was working in the States, and one of my officers is a Canadian who was mining in Fiji who flew home to join up."

Chancing out of the window, Major Campbell pointed to some rolling downs.

"Those hills over there," he said, "are as easy to cut into as ice cream, would be as bomb-proof as the lowest level of Noranda, and can be completely gas-proof. We may have to do it yet."

Major Campbell explained the difference between his "outfit" and the usual army unit.

Canada Mining Work

"Our job is really to put at the disposal of the British army for war purposes, the expert knowledge and latest machinery used at the present time in Canada for mining work," he said. "The Gibraltar job was really incidental. We happened to be the people who could do it and so it fell to us. It is a long, difficult piece of work but just a regular mining job. Hard rock miners, such as I have with me, are worth their weight in gold as far as this kind of war work is concerned."

"In our work more than anything else we require that dash and vision — perhaps you might call it imagination. There is an essential quality in mining men."

Asked if he had been much hampered by red tape, Campbell smiled. "There are some men who are so keen about doing their job to the most infinitesimal detail that one might almost think they were paid by Germany. It is those sticklers, whichever part of the forces they are in, who are one of our greatest obstacles. However, General Andrew McNaughton has his own way with them."

It was from General McNaughton, who commands the 88th division, Canadian Overseas Force, that the real story of Major Campbell's unit was gathered. Although the general had met the former Ontario minister of public works when he was a member in the Ontario house, he knew him only casually.

Took Two Minutes

"I was looking for someone of character to organise some special engineering work and consulted the Canadian Mining Association."

General McNaughton said. "I had not much time on my hands so I flew to Toronto and met Campbell on arrival."

"It took me just two minutes to realise he was the man I wanted. I asked him to get the hard rock miners, then I made them a special section in the 12th field company, and had them go over in the first flight. With them were specialists in diamond drilling. Over here we could see the need ahead for such workmen and in my mind they were a unit that had to be fitted into our present army organisation. Campbell brought the nucleus to England, joined to the 48th Highlanders."

McNaughton mentioned that Campbell had been well known throughout mining circles and an authority before he enlisted in the ranks at the outbreak of war. Engineers who knew him quickly spotted him and had him placed on the regular course for commission. He passed quickly and became a second lieutenant in a field company.

Campbell told the story of his enlistment.

Too Valuable

Before war was declared he offered his services to Ian MacKenzie, then minister of militia and defence, but was told he was too valuable where he was. On the outbreak of the war he went to Stanley barracks and persuaded the colonel to take him in.

"Once I was in they could not kick me out," was his explanation.

"This is a grand job—interesting, exciting, useful, and keeps one busy thinking up new ways to solve old problems. I have a grand lot of men with me and no one wants to stop until the job is finished."

The tunneling company has the latest equipment. That is due to another of General McNaughton's brain-waves.

"We could not get the equipment in England," he said. "But the Ontario Mining Association came forward with the money to employ an expert, Perry Hall, who bought it for us in Canada. He was so successful the project attracted

ONE-NIGHT CASINOS IN WEST END

Ring Of Houses Being Used

Scotland Yard officers, detailed to track the night gambling parties in the West End, are keeping a watch on houses which are being used as accommodation casinos.

They want to establish an address where one of these gaming parties has been held more than once.

So far the promoters have been careful to keep within the law by using different premises every night so that no place could be said to be habitually used for gaming.

During the past few months there has been a big increase in these West End gambling parties. Complaints have been made that young Army officers have been tempted by "hostesses" to visit them and to speculate their money.

In most cases they lose substantial sums.

Must Return

The promoters always have some means of getting over the law, but the police believe that the number of houses available for one-night meetings is limited and that the time must come when one of them is used for a second time.

It is known by the police that big houses in the West End are being hired for the night.

In many cases the owners of the houses are well known. In some cases they have left London and allow their houses to be used by friends. They are invariably unaware of the purpose for which the houses are being used.

the attention of the inner circle of military authorities and was regularised, Perry Hall received a captain's commission.

"We have the mining men with technical knowledge and vision, the finest machinery turned out for the work," Campbell declared. "We could do any job they put up to us and when we speak of digging for victory we don't mind talking in a big way."

RADIO-PHONES FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

FOURTEEN STATIONS of the London fire fighting services will soon be able to transmit urgent orders by radio-telephone. Messages will be sent from headquarters to appliances speeding to a fire.

Home Office permission has been given for this use of radio in London and in urban areas with populations of 75,000 or more.

In urban areas radio will give an additional means of alarm by a link up with patrol police, who will be able to operate on the same wavelength.

The London Fire Brigade are to have eight frequencies, one at the headquarters station on the Embankment, one at each of the six superintendent stations, and the headquarters station of the fire float flotilla.

Other London brigades to be equipped with wireless transmitters will be Ealing, Tottenham,

West Ham, Beckenham and Croydon.

A Condition

Outside the Metropolitan Police district the fire brigade radio-telephone service is to be shared with the local police force.

A reservation made by the Home Office is that unless the installation is capable of linking headquarters stations to the outlying stations, in case of a breakdown of land lines, there will be no Treasury grant towards the apparatus.

Before fire services outside the Metropolitan area install their apparatus they must consult with the local chief constable so that the installation is available for police duties if the force decide to adopt it.



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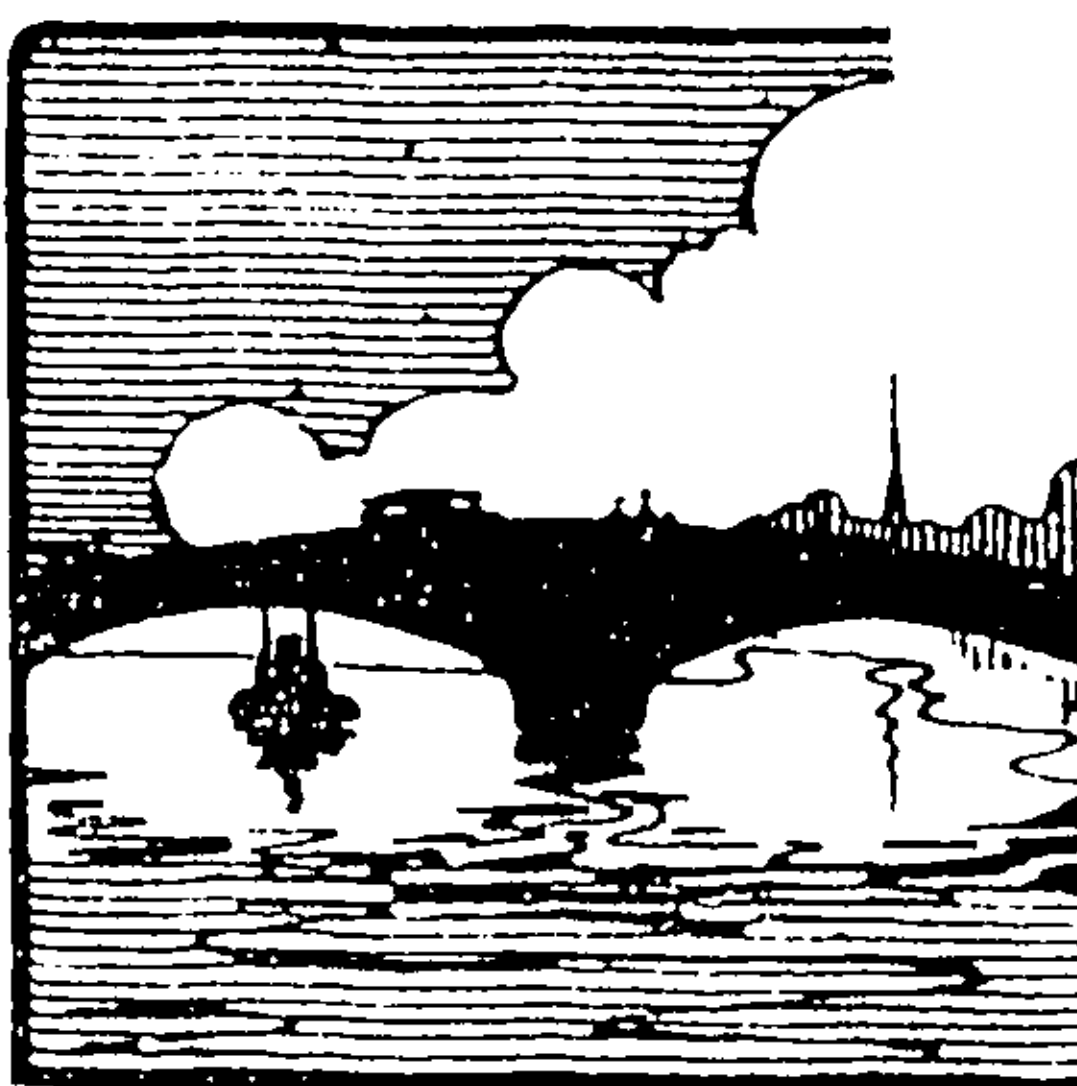
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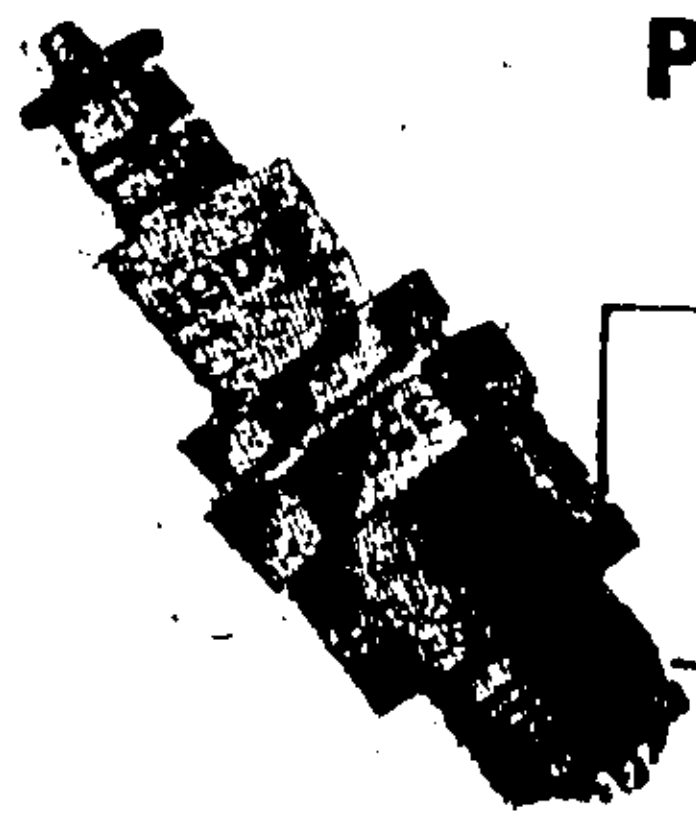
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During the severe Nazi air attack on Sheffield he gave his life to help his workpeople. His body was recovered later from a ruined building. He was only 52.

He stood with his sister beside the window and saw the flashes of exploding bombs in the city in which he had made his fortune.

He thought of the men and girls in his factory in the danger zone. He said "The fellows and girls are facing the danger. I've got to be with them."

He got out his car, had it filled with food and drinks, and set off through the barrage and the falling bombs.

On the road a friend stopped him and pleaded with him to return home.

"My place is at the factory," he said—and drove on.

He delivered his load. He laughed and joked with the men and girls in the factory.

He Gave Lavishly

But he never got home again. He was killed during the raid through a direct hit on a building near to him.

"It was as he would have wished," his sister said later. "He was a good man. He lived a life of kindness. We shall have that to remember him by."

Sheffield has more than that by which to remember and thank George Lawrence.

He gave generously to hospitals and charities, provided open spaces, and a swimming bath. His kindness cost him thousands of pounds.

He was a believer in Anglo-French friendship, gave 500,000 francs to the French Government and was thanked last year by Daladier.

BOOTLEGGING REVIVAL IN THE U.S.

A revival of bootlegging, a prominent feature of prohibition days, has occurred in the United States as a result of difficulty in obtaining genuine French champagne and other wines, brandies and cordials.

Prominent importers are so perturbed by the appearance on the market of spurious wines and spirits that they are sending out circulars warning their clients to examine all labels with the greatest care.

The secretary of the National Association of the Alcoholic Beverage Import Corporation stated in Washington: "To-day, with the war, the British blockade and present high taxes, we have virtually a duplication of the situation which led to intensive rum-running and boot-legging during prohibition."

The temptation to produce imitations and sell them as genuine articles may be judged from the fact that the basic price of brandies has increased since the war from 2 dollars 89 cents to five dollars 50 cents a bottle.

Benedictine, which used to cost 5 dollars 50 cents a bottle now costs 8 dollars 50 cents. Green Chartreuse has gone up from 4 dollars 59 cents a bottle to 10 dollars. French Vermouth from 1 dollar 19 cents to 2 dollars 50 cents and 3 dollars, and Italian Vermouth from 1 dollar 8 cents to 2 dollars.

The price of champagne and many still wines from France has been doubled. Only Scotch whiskeys are still sold at the old prices.

TWO DIE IN TRAIN GUNNING

Two of the six people wounded when a single German raider machine-gunned an express train in East Anglia died during the night.

They were the guard, Arthur E. Pyke and Mrs. Florence Knowles, aged twenty-four.

Harold Jeffrey Steward, aged nineteen, a professional pianist, lost all the fingers of one hand. The other injured were Mrs. Doris King, aged forty-six, Sapper Edward Busfield, aged twenty-two, and Pioneer Frederick Charles Marchant, aged thirty-eight.

When eight H.E. bombs were dropped in the same area of East Anglia, Mr. H. W. Holland and his wife were killed, and their maid, Miss Joan Clark, died on the way to hospital.

While a council was sitting in a London district, the Mayor announced that bombs had just fallen in the area.

A vote was taken as to whether the council should continue or go to shelter. With one exception they agreed to carry on. The exception was a woman member.

A policeman, assisted by Royal Engineers and A.R.P. workers, toiled all night to rescue three-year-old Sylvia Jeffrey who was buried under debris when a south-west coast town was bombed. Sylvia's five-year-old brother John and her sister, Patricia, aged seven, were among those killed. They were evacuees from Plumstead.

NEW BARONET IS ACTOR

Mr. Gyles Isham, the thirty-seven-year-old actor, who played with Greta Garbo in the film "Anna Karenina," becomes Sir Gyles by the death of his father, Sir Vere Isham.

The new baronet is now serving in the Army.

DOES NO ONE OWN IT?

Racehorse Saved From The Sea

The racehorse rescued from the sea near Oban by Mrs. Peter MacNiven is still unclaimed.

If the owner does not come forward, say Customs officials, the animal may have to be sold. Part of the proceeds will go to Mrs. MacNiven, who saw it struggling exhausted, pulling its horse-box, and dived into the Atlantic fully clothed.

While she waited to hear from a claimant Mrs. MacNiven has not been idle. She has rescued from the sea, at almost the same spot, a pedigree foxhound.

"Two Big Eyes"

When she saw it struggling in the sea it was too far from shore to be rescued by swimming, so she ran to a nearby farm and got Miss Kitty MacPherson to launch a small boat.

The two women found the hound too exhausted to swim farther, clinging by teeth and paws to a piece of wood.

"The only signs of life were in its two big eyes, looking at us," Mrs. MacNiven said.

Now the foxhound has joined the racehorse in the MacNivens' shed, and the two are fast becoming friends.

Destruction Order

Customs authorities have ordered the foxhound to be destroyed under quarantine regulations, but Mrs. MacNiven has refused to give him up.

"I've never seen such a magnificent hound," she said. "A vet. who examined him said there's no suggestion of disease."

The Duke of Argyll, keeper of the ruined Dunstaffnage Castle—of which Mr. MacNiven is caretaker—and Mr. Angus John Campbell, hereditary Captain of Dunstaffnage, are supporting Mrs. MacNiven. They mean to ask for a "reprieve" from the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Department of Health.

NAZIS TOLD TO BOMB LIGHTS

DURING THE HEARING AT MIDDLESBROUGH OF A CHARGE OF SHOWING AN UNOBSERVED LIGHT, THE STIPENDIARY, MR. A. P. PEAKER, SAID GERMAN AIR CREWS HAD ORDERS TO DROP BOMBS WHEREVER THEY SAW A LIGHT.

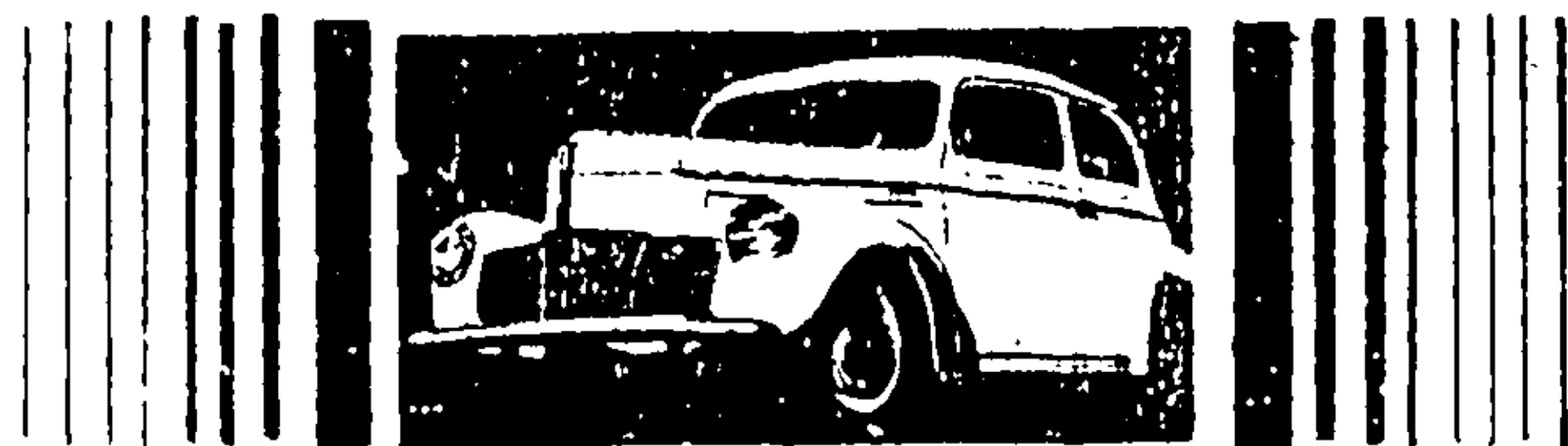
"The other day I had a letter from a friend in the south who is in the Home Guard," he said. "They caught a German pilot who had come down and asked him why he had dropped bombs on the ridiculous place he had."

"The German told him their pilots had instructions that whenever they saw a light they should drop bombs."

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 17th April, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th April, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

THE EXTRA CHANCE

By The Four Aces

In a great many hands which are not lay-downs, there is one main play for the contract and one or more other "extra" chances which cost nothing to try. For example:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K J 10
♥ K J 6
♦ A K 10 5
♣ Q 8 4
N
S
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W
♠ 8 7 2
♥ 10 5 3
♦ Q J 6
♣ K J 9 3
♠ A Q 9 5 4
♥ A Q 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 6 2

The bidding

North	East	South	West
1NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	Pass

West led the nine of hearts, and South won with the Queen. The main chance to make the hand was to find the club King in West's hand, for then a simple lead toward dummy's Queen would give South his twelfth trick. Also to be considered was the possibility of an end-play. If the player who had the fourth diamond also had the club King, it might be possible to put him in the lead with the fourth round of diamonds in such a position that he had to lead away from the King of clubs.

But South rejected this plan for two reasons. First, there was a little less than an even chance that the player who had the majority of the diamonds would also have any other specific card (such as the club King); while there was exactly an even chance to find the club King in the West hand. And second, even if the club King and the long diamonds were in the same hand, that opponent might wriggle out of the end-play by slyly blanking his club King.

But as long as South was thinking about the diamonds, he saw his "extra chance" which could cost him nothing. He could take the two high diamonds, after drawing trumps, and ruff a third diamond in the hope that dummy's ten would become established. If not, he could still hope for the King of clubs to be in the West hand. And as it happened, the ten of diamonds did become established, giving South his contract.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 10 5 3
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 10 4
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Maler
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass

ANSWER: Pass. The bidding indicates that your partner has stronger hearts than diamonds, since otherwise his rebid would have been four diamonds rather than four hearts. That being so, there is no reason to raise the contract to five diamonds because of your better support for that suit.

Score 100% for pass, 60% for five diamonds, 0 for any other bid.

Question 691

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ 6
♥ A J 9 4
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ Q 10 7 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maler	You	Schenken
1♠	2♠	(?)	Schenken
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)			

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CHINA GUNBOAT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

THIS IS THE STORY of how the Navy takes risks in order to win the Battle of the Mediterranean, writes a special correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian." The first I knew about the particular risks of the moment was when I boarded a China river gunboat and was met with this from the captain of the vessel.

"Before we sail, and while you still have a chance of getting ashore, I will speak without reserve. You must realise that on this trip you haven't better than a fifty-fifty chance of returning. Are you game?"

I was game, but I did not know why, probably because I was more daunted than anything else. And so the voyage started into the worst storm that the Mediterranean has known for many years. Our ship was built during the last war. It is of about 600 tons register, half the tonnage of a submarine and was designed for work on the calm surfaces of China's rivers.

How big she was can be judged from the fact that I boarded her from a rowboat without the aid of a Jacob's ladder or gangway, there being just about thirty inches between her deck and the surface of the sea. We did not know about the storm until later, and it was not that which made the captain so gloomily frank. We were on a dangerous and secret mission, one that must remain secret.

The Storm Starts

But then the storm started. The sea threw us about like a feather in a whirlwind. Water poured through the thin deck into the captain's cabin, and this lasted for several hours. By morning the waves were more than thirty feet high, which was considerably higher than our bridge.

Then our forward deck plating was ripped off by a mighty wave and parts of the deck went with it. By 11 a.m. we found we could not reach port if we wanted to against these seas, so we were directed to another further eastward. We got to within 27 miles of that port, and then the crippled ship could get no farther.

For twenty-four hours the ship had taken a terrible beating. We were taking water rapidly, and the captain's cabin was more like a miniature swimming pool than anything else.

Under the additional weight of water the ship had sunk more and more until her deck was within eighteen inches of the sea. A call for help was sent out. Everything was made ready to abandon ship if necessary, and it looked as if we should have to before long.

Rescue Ships

We were told that four ships as well as Fleet Air Arm units had been sent to our assistance. But we could not give them our position because the waves were so high we could not see the horizon and thus could not get a bearing. Thus all we could do was send an approximate position, somewhere in a few hundred square miles of sea, and the sky was overcast and visibility was poor into the bargain.

Our hopes were low. Sixteen miles from the port, a full blast, an aeroplane came towards us. We had been found. Another hour passed. Then we saw the sleek lines of a destroyer and began to feel that we might get through. For another twenty-four hours that destroyer steamed a few hundred yards ahead of us and spread oil on the waves to give our battered ship a small calm space.

Finally we made port. We were more than six hundred miles from our original destination, but the ship was safe and we had not lost a man.



A Mother's Advice.

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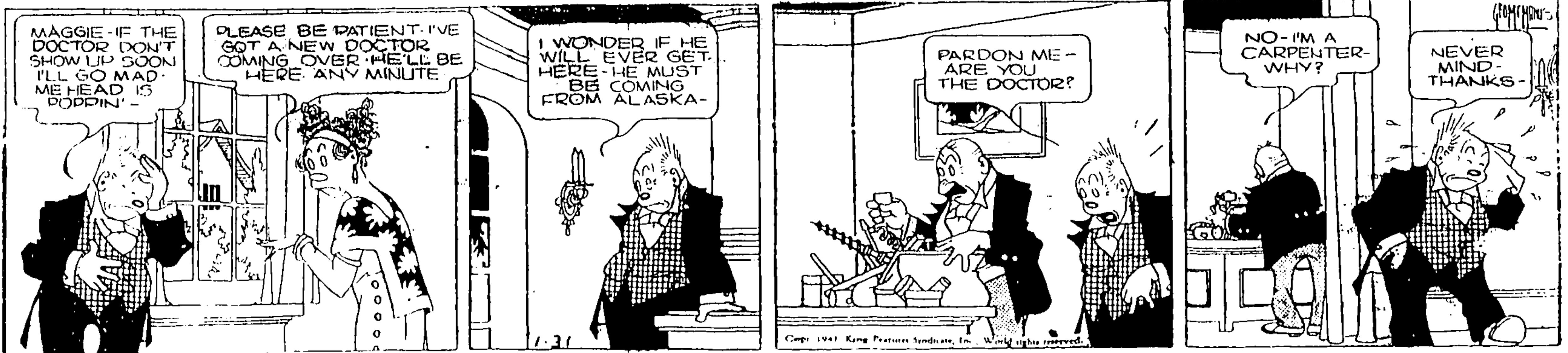
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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Exercise Routine Usually Includes Hip Bumping

Even thin girls, and under-weights, may have hips all out of proportion to the other body measurements. Too much sitting causes the buttocks to spread, and inactivity helps any excess weight to pad the hips and buttocks. Many girls who are quite normal in weight, will find they have an inch or more in hip measurement which they should not have if they desire perfect figures.

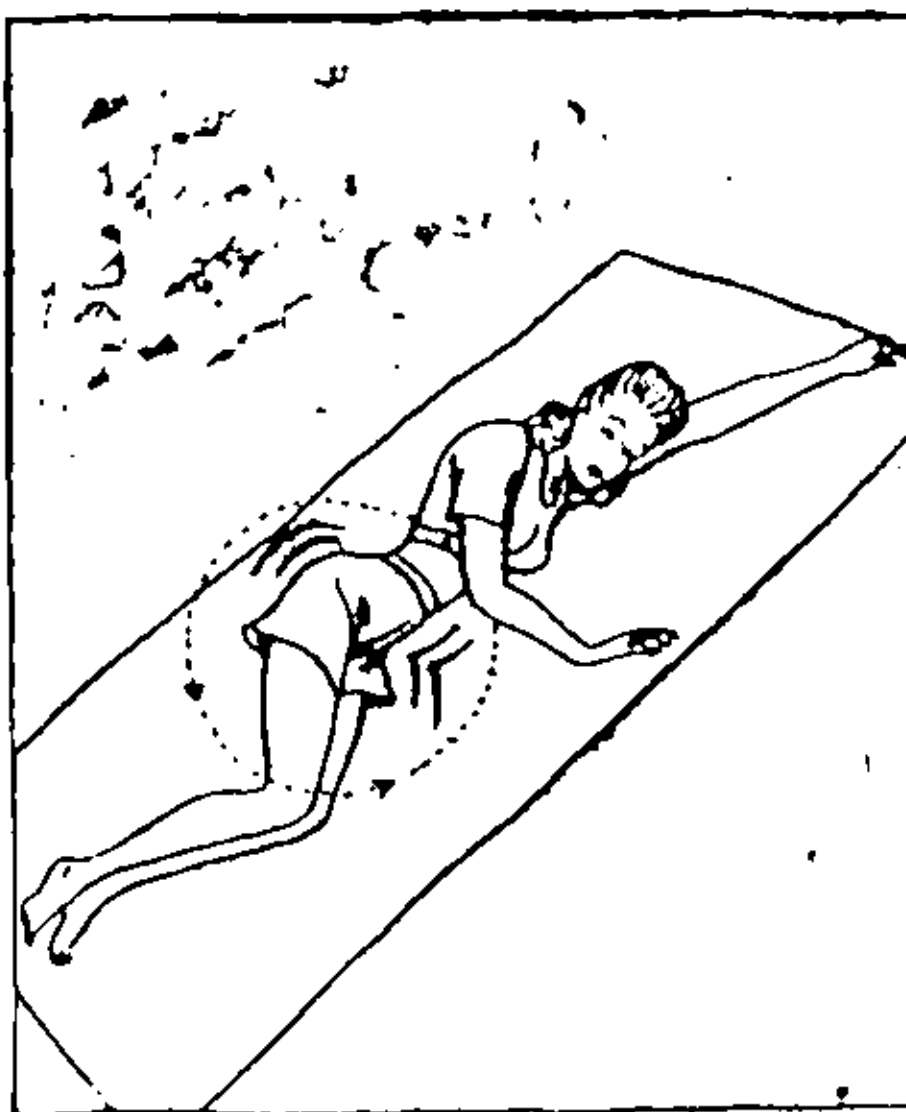
So hip exercises are ever popular, and particularly so in preparing when most of us begin to growly, re-fashion ourselves.

Unfortunately hip reducing exercises are the most strenuous of all and unless we tackle them with determination they will do little to beautify us.

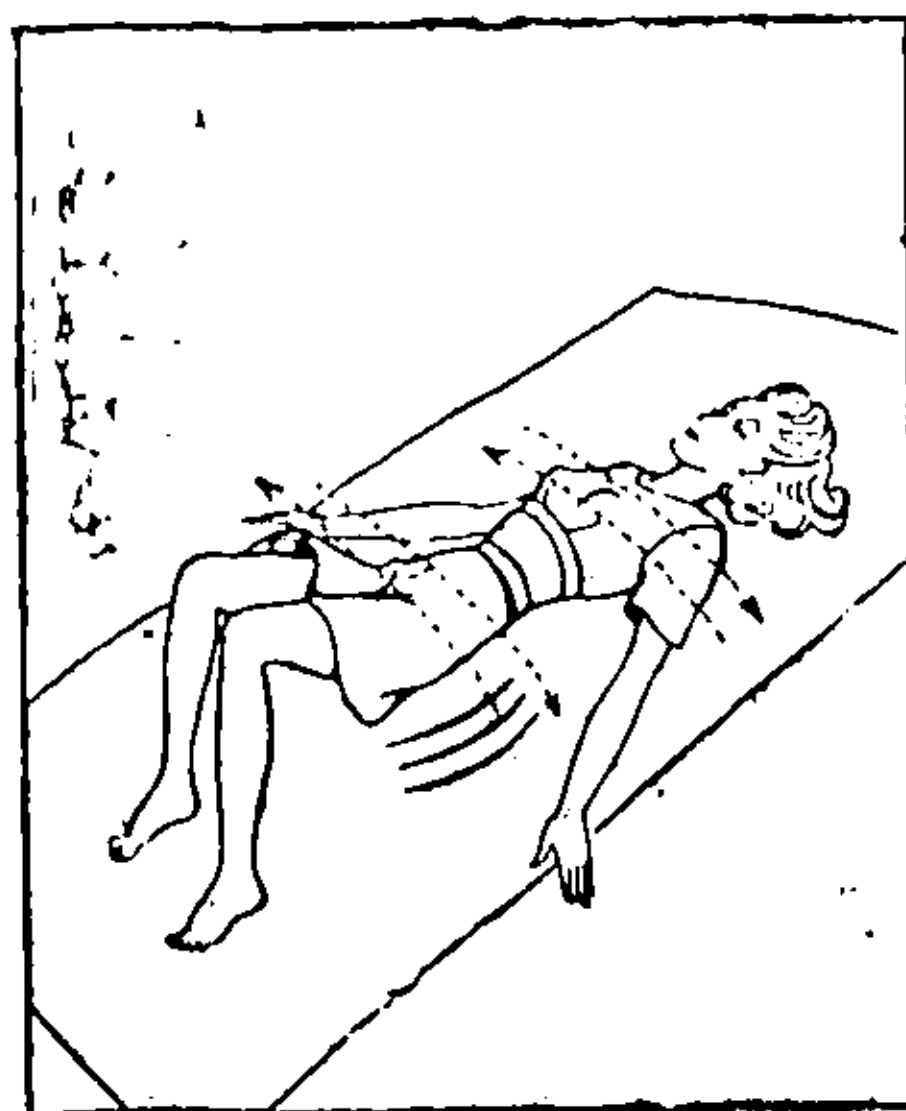
You must remember that any excess weight in this area was GRADUALLY accumulated, perhaps it took from seven months

to a year to make you conscious of bulges in the wrong place. So you cannot expect to whittle down those bulges in a week. It will take from four to ten weeks of daily, earnest exercising to get your hips proportioned once they have grown heavy.

To-day I'll give you two good exercises with which to start your whittling programme. Practice each ten minutes a day in a well-ventilated room, wearing shorts or a bathing suit which does not bind you as you work.



Exercise 1: Lie on a mattress which has been placed on the floor, or on a regulation exercise mat. Lie on your left side with head on arm, and left hand grasping top of mattress. Your right hand is placed palm downward in front of your body for support. Now bend both knees and force hips in circular movement (see illustration) by sliding on fatty part of left buttock. Slide in as big a circle as you can and make your midriff muscles do the work. After a few moments relax, turn on other side and repeat exercise.



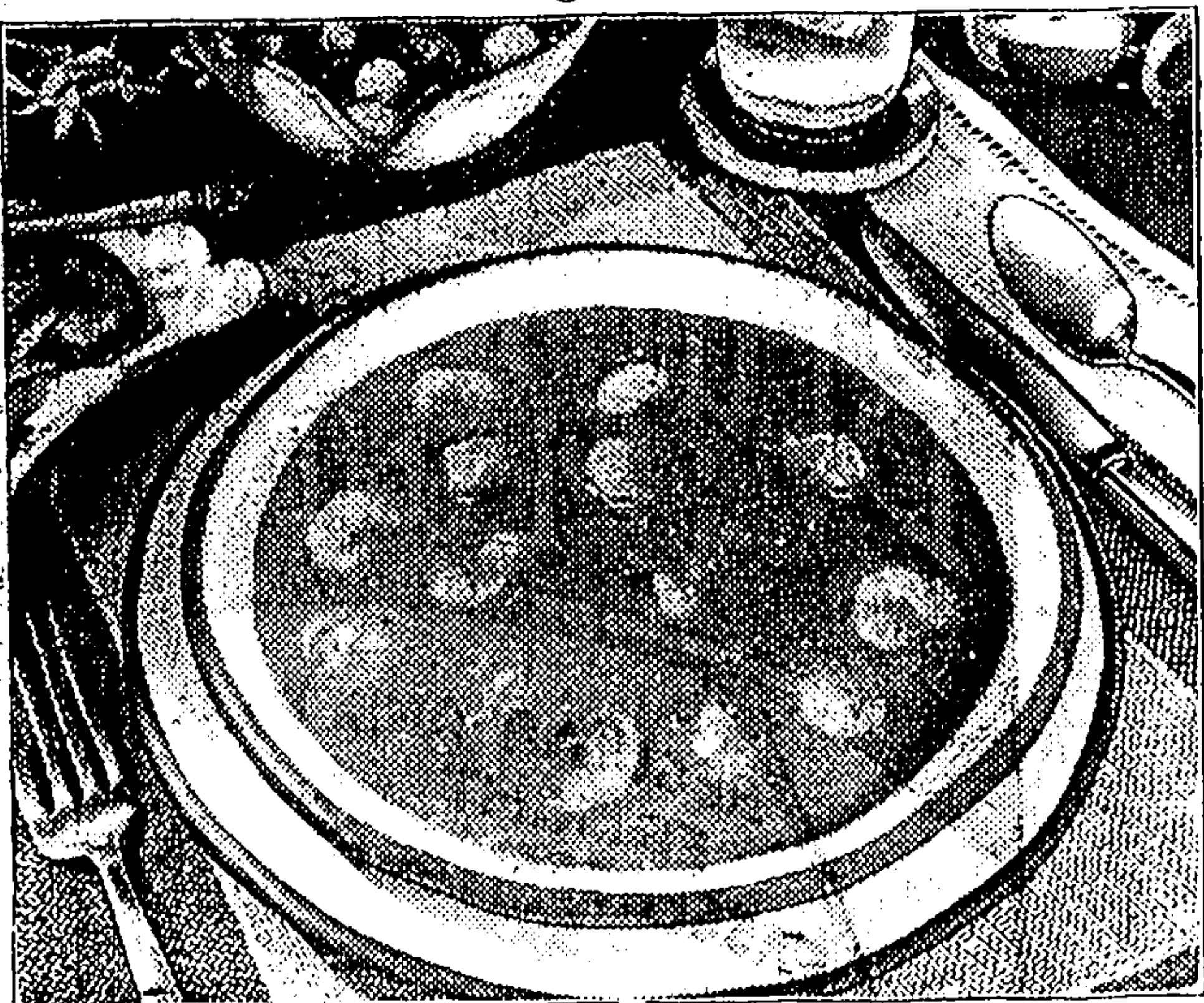
Now hold on to sides of mattress (it should be a firm mattress) and get into position illustrated above. Raise hips and come down on right buttock, raise again and come down on left buttock. Spank, spank, spank, spank, is the rhythm. The weight of your body falls on feet and shoulders. Again your midriff muscles do the work! Practice for five minutes, relax, repeat.

While you are lying in this position, raise your hips again and swing them in mid-air from right to left (they do not touch mattress this time). Your upper shoulders will get a deep massage by the mattress—this is good to reduce fatty portions of upper back and for strengthening the pectoral muscles.

SOUPS are comforting especially on raw, windy days

says Dorothy Greig

WHEN the members of the family stomp in wind blown and "half starved", that's the time to cheer them with big steaming platefuls of hot soup. What warm comfort it spreads and how satisfying to clamorous appetites.



Shrimp Supreme is substantial enough to be the main dish of a light meal.

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Stout soups filled with meat and vegetables are a real part of the meal itself. In fact, they are often the main dish for lunch or supper. Cream soups are smooth and usually bland in flavor. Highly nutritious, and because of the milk in them they are an especially good choice for children.

It's fun, too, to combine two or more flavors of canned soups, or take a single soup and add a few individual touches of your own. For instance, here is a soup which is a blending of three soups, and with shrimp added as well. It has wonderful flavor and is one of those soups that can be used as a main dish for a light meal.

Shrimp Supreme
1 can condensed pea soup
1 can condensed tomato soup
1 can condensed bouillon
1 cup milk
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 cup shrimps
3 tablespoons sherry

Stir the tomato soup into the pea soup. Then add the bouillon. Combine the milk and cream and add to

the soup with the shrimps (cut in small pieces). Heat to the boiling point and put in the sherry just before serving. Serves 6-8.

The man of the family will enjoy this soup:

Vegetable Soup, peasant style
1 can condensed vegetable soup
1 can condensed bean with bacon soup
2 cans water

Combine the soups. Add water and heat to boiling, then simmer 3-5 minutes. Serves 5-7.

And the next time you serve a thin soup try this one:

Hot Bouillon with Onion-Parmesan Rings

Onion-Parmesan Rings
6 slices onion (1/4 inch thick)
1 tablespoon butter
6 round slices toast
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Slice large onions in 1/4 inch slices. Cook the onion slices in butter on both sides until golden brown. Place each slice on a round piece of toast, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and heat under broiler or in hot oven.

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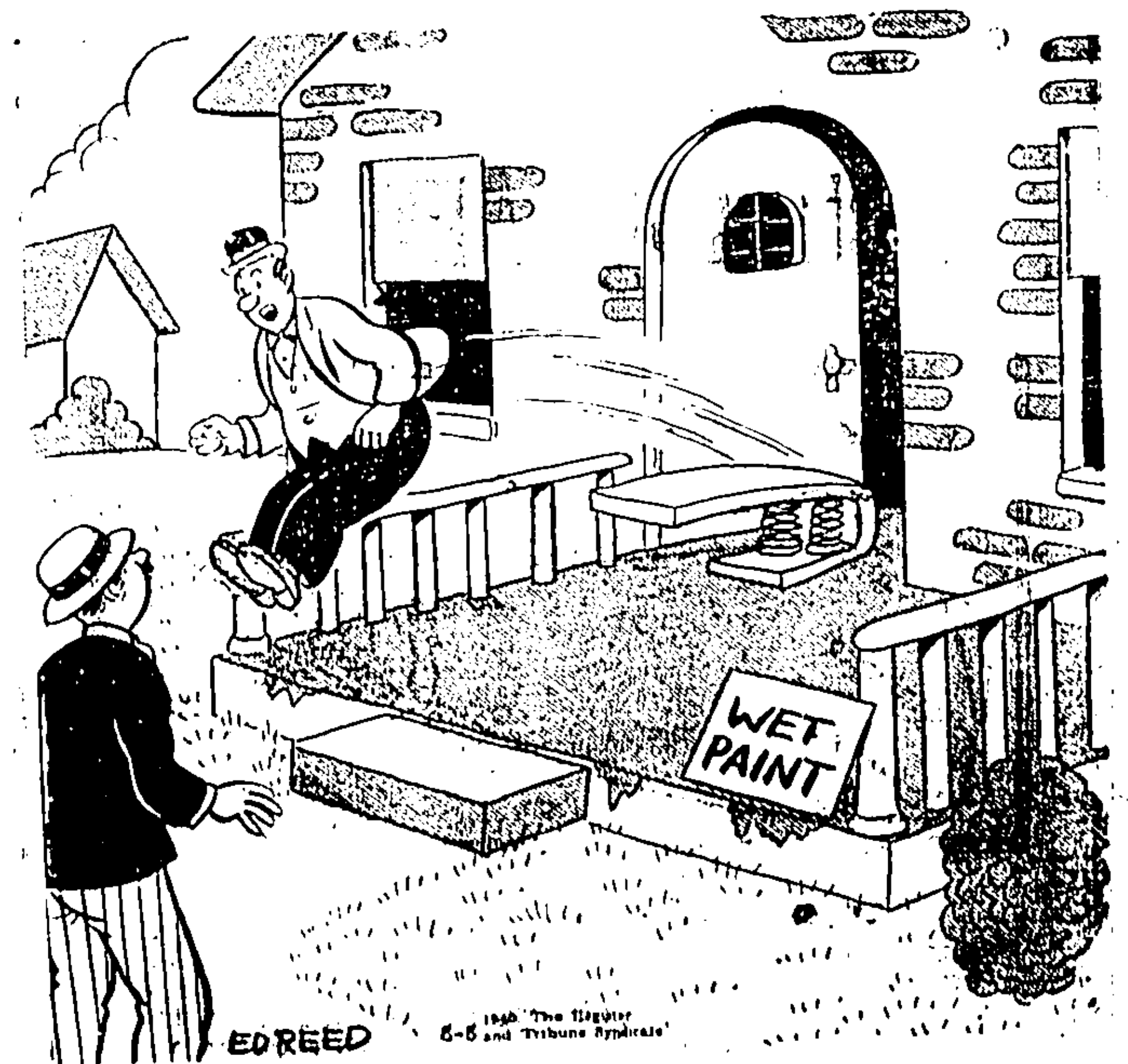
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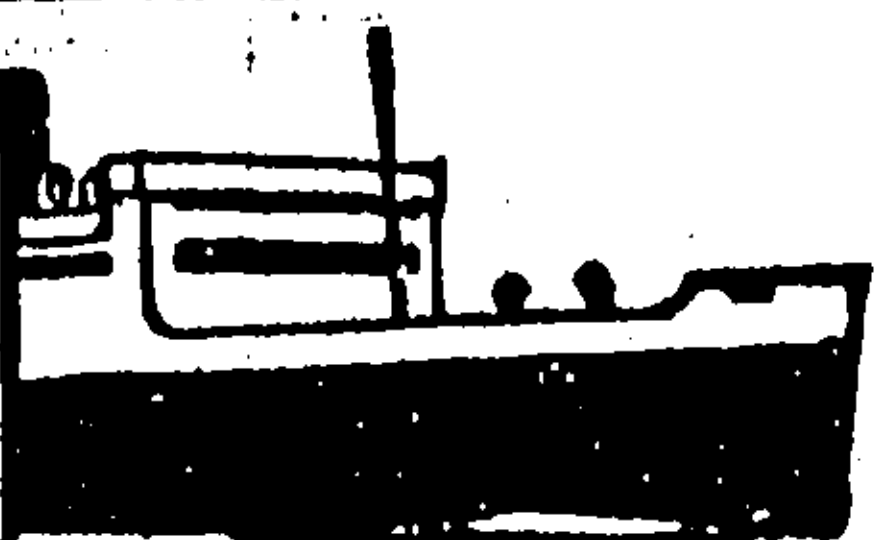


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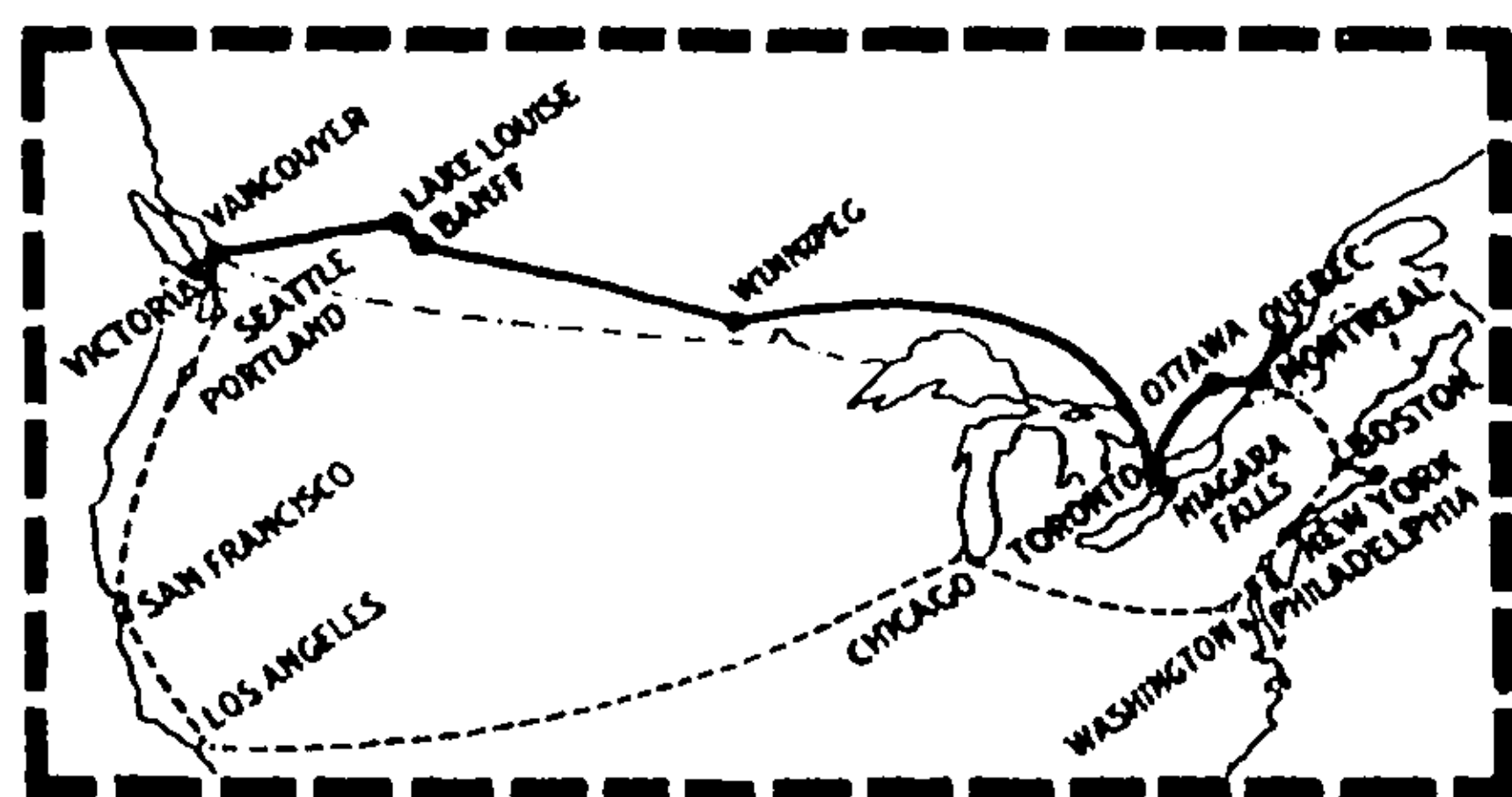
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Interces-
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12.30 p.m.—Gerald & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—On The Sentimental
Side (film "Dr. Rhythm"). Fox-Trot
—My Heart is taking lessons (film
"Dr. Rhythm"). Tangos—Moonlight
Kisses; Poema. Fox-Trot—It's
D'Lovely (from "The Fleet's in
Up"); I Hadn't anyone till You.
Rumba—The Lady in Red (film "Il
Caliente"). Quickstep—My Man
(film "Rose of Washington Square").
Waltz—There's Danger in the Waltz
(from "The Little Dog Laughed").

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—John Goss (Baritone) and
Cathedral Male Voice Quartet in Sea
Shanties.
Storm Along. Roll the Wood-Pile
Down; Nouse Irons A Vapour; So;
Seacumunni Sta Lampa. Silly
Brown. Hanging Johnny; Whisky
Johnny.

1.12 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
Love in Idleness—Serenade (Mac-
beth). Court Symphony Orch.
Chinese Night Watch (Siede); Pe-
tersburg Sleigh-Ride Party (Ellen-
berg). Otto Dbrindt & His Con-
cert Orchestra. Bolero (Ravel);
Entrance of the Little Fauns
(Pierne). Jack Payne & His
BBC Dance Orchestra

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and
Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal Long About Midnight (Hill).
Swing Is The Thing (from "Black-
birds of 1936"). The Mills Brothers
(Four Boys and a Guitar). Banjo.
Medley Intro. Is it true what they
say about Dixie. When a lady meets
a Gentleman down South, etc.
Tarrant Bailey with Orchestra
Vocal A Little Rumble in Spring-
time With You (Saxony & Others).
Trust in Me (Ager & Others).
Greta Keller with Orchestra. Two
Pianos Pre-occupied Intro. Scherzo
from "Sylvia" (Delibes arr. Alleyne-
Leonhardt). Destiny Waltz
(Haynes arr. Alleyne-Leonhardt).
Alleyne & Leonhardt Vocal Car-
avan (Ellington). The Mills
Brothers

2.15 p.m.—Close down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.
Swing Fox-Trots. Melody in Riff.
Monotony. Eddie Carroll & His
Swing Music. Fox-Trot The Lady
on the Second Floor; Quickstep—
It's In The Air (from the film).
Brian Lawrence & His Lansdowne
Orchestra. Fox-Trots Wings over
the Navy (from the film). The Old
Tin Helmet. The Organ. The
Dance Band and Me. Waltzes
Charmaque. What'll I Do. Jose-
phine Bradley & Her Ballroom Or-
chestra. Fox-Trot—I Can't Get You
Out Of My Mind. Harry Roy &
His Orchestra

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"From the
Old Country". Talk by Bernard
Wetherall

7.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.
"The Gypsy Princess" Selection (Kal-
man). De Groot & The New Victo-
ria Orchestra. "The Three
Waltzes" (Oscar Strauss after Johann
Strauss). Oul Je T'Aime O Paris;
Je T'Aime Yvonne Printemps
(Soprano) with Orch & Chorus.
"The Miracle"—Selection (Humper-
dinck). London Symphony Orch.
"Floradora"—Tell Me Pretty Maid-
en (Leslie Stuart). Victor Mixed
Chorus with Instr. Acc.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-
nouncements.

8.02 p.m.—Studio—Two Piano Recital
by Eddie & Michael Boder (by Cour-
tesy of the Parisian Grill).

1. Port & Peasant Overture (Suppe).
2. In a Persian Market (Ketelbey).
3. Nola.

4. Black Eyes and Two Guitars.

8.20 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

Night on the Bare Mountain (Mous-
sorgsky). London Symphony Or-
chestra cond. by Albert Coates.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Makers of Mede-
cine" No. 6: "The Looking-glass un-
der the Pillow" Sir D. Corrigan".

Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Chopin—Ballade No. 1 in G
Minor. Alfred Cortot (Piano).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions
of the Hour."

9.30 p.m.—Light French Variety with
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and others.

Fox-Trot—Ma Pomme; Slow Fox-Trot
—"Ah! Si Vous Connaissez Ma
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Valse—L'Hotel du Clair de Lune...

Lucienne Boyer with Orch. Valse
Musette—Accordeonist Alexander &
his Orch. La Java en Mineur...

Maurice Chevalier. Reve Secret...

Accordeonist Alexander & his Orch.
Mon Meilleur Ami; Entraineuse...

Lucienne Boyer with Orchestra.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short
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10.00 p.m.—Studio—The Second of a
series of Talks on Drama of Yester-
day and To-day by Evelyn Wood.
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Players.

10.35 p.m.—Strauss—Le Bourgeois Gen-
tilhomme—Suite, Op. 60.

Overture—Menuet—Courante—
Entry and Dance of the Tailors—
The Master at Arms—Prelude to
Act 2 (Intermezzo)—The Dinner
Music—Menuet (Lully)—The Din-
ner Music—Waltzer Straram Or-
chestra of Paris.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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T. B. EXPERT FROM HOME SUGGESTED FOR LOCAL STUDY

THE HONG KONG Anti-Tuberculosis Association is just bringing to a close its first year of work and a meeting of the Council of the Association, preparatory to the annual meeting, is to be held on Friday in the Legislative Council Chamber, when the report of the Executive Committee and the statement of accounts will be discussed.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, held last week, it was revealed that the annual finance report will show a credit balance of \$7,560.74.

Some discussion took place on the question of recommendations of B.C.G. and Voie Bacillus, in this Colony should be deferred till further experiments have been completed, that the Association should press for, as a minimum, a 150 bed hospital and a 300 bed sanatorium for the treatment and care of T.B. patients, and that institutions should be built in non-malarial districts with sanitary facilities.

Finally, it was decided to ask for nominations at the annual meeting when members of the ruling Committee who were willing to be elected could be proposed individually.

Miss Mow Fung's resignation from the Executive Committee on her transfer to Shanghai was accepted and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to convey to Miss Mow Fung the Association's thanks for her work in connection with its activities.

The Committee also placed on record its appreciation of Mr. Ho Kien-long's generosity in paying the salary of a street lecturer on behalf of the Association.

Dr. N. C. Macleod indicated that because of increased teaching duties likely to fall upon him this year, he would be unable to accept nomination for reelection as Honorary Secretary of the Association. At the Chairman's request, the President agreed to seek a suitable candidate for the secretaryship.

Scientific Study

The Report of the Scientific Sub-Committee, of which Professor R. C. Robertson is chairman, has been co-ordinated with the reports of other sub-committees in the General Report. This Sub-Committee has made strong recommendations that the condition of houses in the poorer districts of the Colony should be looked into, that existing Government rules on house ventilation should be put thoroughly in operation, that the opening of open-air schools should be encouraged, and that the H.K. Association should appeal to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in England for help by sending out an expert to study the local tuberculosis problem and make recommendations. The Sub-Committee expressed the view that such an expert would carry much weight in stirring up government as well as public interest in the gravity of the tuberculosis problem.

The Committee expressed the

Chest Clinics

"There should be established," the report continues, "numbers of well equipped Chest Clinics, in town for the selection of cases to be sent to the institutions, these clinics to have not only X-ray equipment but also an independent laboratory of their own."

"Owing to the great prejudice against T.B. the Medical Department should be advised to instruct its Health Inspectors to be most tactful in dealing with notified cases, in order that others will not be encouraged to hide their disease and thereby spread infection."

The Sub-Committee also urged that a radiography unit be purchased as soon as possible for a new survey, adding: "We are fully conscious of the fact that as an implication for the Executive Committee immediately to comply with all the varying recommendations and suggestions set forth, however desirable the suggestions themselves. It is hoped, however, that the most urgent deficiencies will be made up at the earliest possible moment."

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The Annual Report to the Shareholders of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., shows the loss for the year, after providing for depreciation of steamers at the usual rate, repairs, etc., is \$268,118.01 which has been transferred to Profit & Loss Account bringing the debit of that account to \$236,378.42, which the Directors recommend to be carried forward to a new account.

The usual overhauls and repairs were effected during the year to Company's fleet of steamers which are all in good running order.

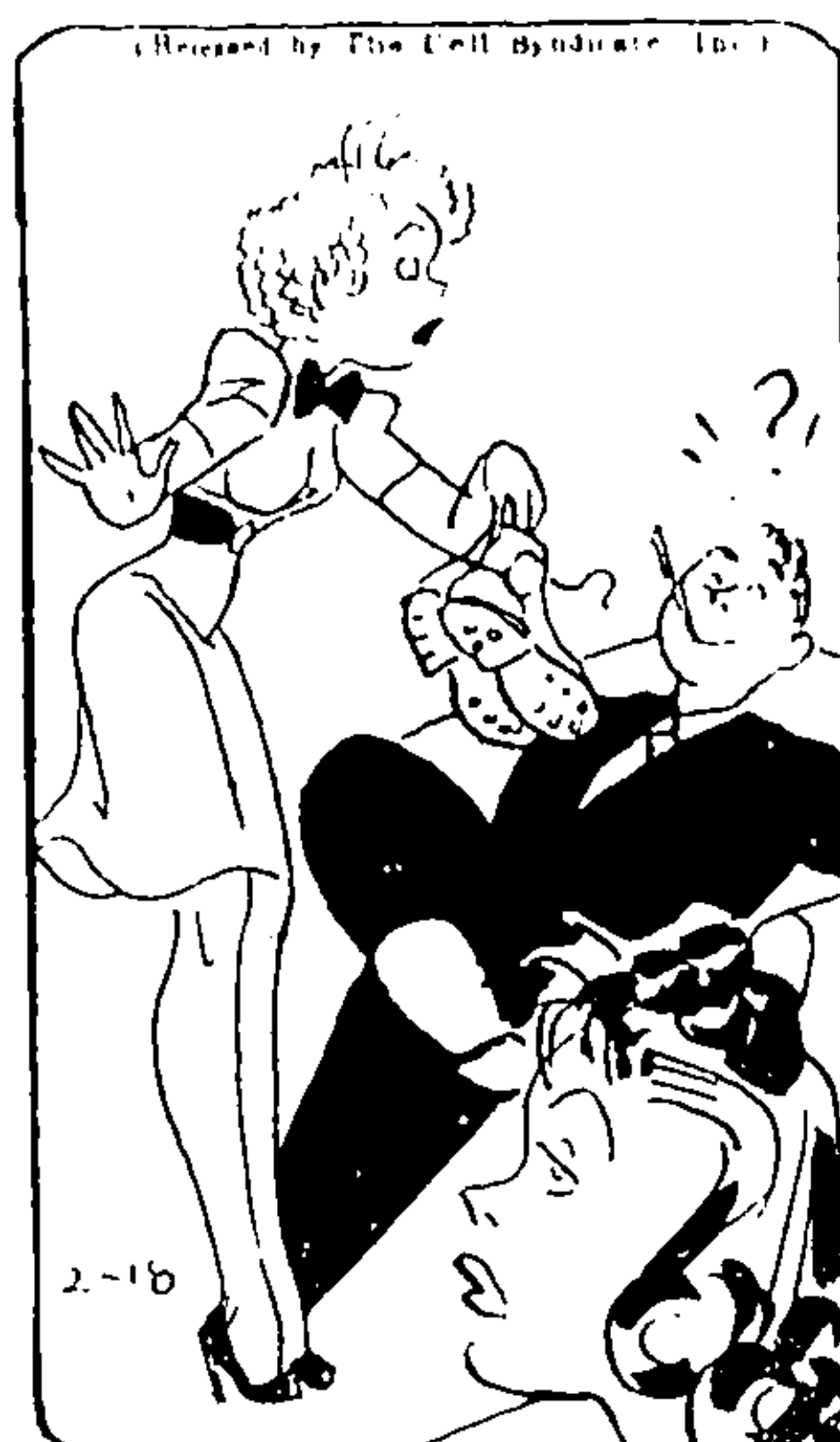


SEVEN LUNATICS BREAK GAOL

Seven convicts, inmates of the criminal lunatic department of Perth Prison, broke pad late at night.

A police cordon was flung round Perth, and a watch kept on the railway and all road traffic.

To escape the prisoners had to scale a wall which is over 30ft high in places. Police believe the men climbed up and scattered themselves over the thickly wooded country in the black-out.



When her beau says he's literally slid through the day the mentally sketchy girlfriend loses him a set of cleats.

Boys from Farm Street School, Birmingham, have been evacuated to Maerdy Farm, Onen, Monmouthshire, and are putting in some good work helping with the farm duties. One of their jobs is to take the milk to the collecting point in the donkey cart daily.

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BAFFIN BAY SETS NEW 2 MILE MARK

Mainsail Clips Second Off Sapper's Best Two Spills: Two Suspensions At Easter Race Meeting

By "Rapier"

FINE WEATHER FAVOURED HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR THEIR THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS, AND THE LARGE CROWD DURING THE TWO DAYS HAD GOOD REASON TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE FARE PROVIDED.

The track was on the fast side, and it was not surprising that five new records under the new scale of weights were established during the meeting. Two accidents occurred on the first day but the last day passed off without incident.

Two suspensions were enforced during the meeting as a result of which the permission granted to Mr. Lo Kwong to ride has been withdrawn for the time being while Mr. W. H. S. Davis has been suspended for the remainder of the first half of the 1941 racing season.

Mr. Peter Wei headed the jockeys' list for the two days with four firsts, two seconds and five thirds, followed by Mr. D. Black with three firsts, two seconds, and one third. Honours among owners for the two days were shared by Mr. S. W. Lee and Golf with two wins each.

The Mrs. Bay Stakes, the opening event on Saturday, from the 1 1/2 Mile Post for non-winning China ponies, resulted in an easy win for Wonderful Scheme. It was well ridden by Commander Craven, who was out for the first time since his accident at the Annual Meeting and who fully justified the confidence of his supporters.

Wonderful Scheme set a fast pace followed by Night Express (Mr. P. L. Eve) and Deception (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Racer (Mr. T. K. L.). The order was maintained until after passing the Rock when Racer moved up to second position but coming into the straight it faded out of the picture.

Wonderful Scheme was still leading in the straight and although hotly challenged by Night Express it won by a length, with So Nice (Mr. Davis) third, an other four lengths behind. Commander Craven took no further part in the afternoon's sport, although he was booked to ride other ponies from the Kong Free Stable, as his arm was giving him some trouble.

Fine Finishing Burst

The second race was the Calliope Handicap (First Section) for "B" Class Australian ponies, and the racing public made no mistake in selecting the right pony. Ridden by Mr. Black, A Happy Time made short work of Starlight (Mr. Wei). Stewards' Cup winner and the other contestants. His finish was far too good.

Conniebar (Mr. Chao) ran quite well for second place, and Starlight, the second favourite, was third.

Favourite Fails

In the Taiwan Bay Handicap (First Section) for "D" Class China ponies for novice jockeys over the mile, the public made Boolat Bay favourite. Ridden by its owner it was unplaced. Blue Field (Mr. Yui) won, after a thrilling battle with Eve of Hunting (Mr. J. Nolasco da Silva), by a neck to pay \$43.20—the highest win dividend of the day—with Celtic Star (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) third to pay \$61.70, the best dividend of the afternoon.

Mr. Hearne's Fine Win

The Rosehill Stakes (First Section) for non-winning 1941 Australian subscription ponies, which was the first leg of the "Daily Double", provided a surprise, Hole In One (Mr. Hearne), the third favourite which had not hitherto done anything of note, romping home to win.

The start was delayed for some time on account of Hole In One being restive at the barrier, but once away, it went like a flash, to quickly get well out in front.

Baffin Bay's Record

The main event of the afternoon, the Brisbane Spring Handicap, over two miles, resulted in Baffin Bay (Mr. Chao) newly acquired by Mr. S. W. Lee from Mr. T. K. L., after its failure to place in the Melbourne Cup over the same distance breaking the record, previously held by Never-Never, for this distance under the new scale of weights, by 12-3/5 seconds.

Australian Diamond (Mr. Chang) and Brown Derby (Mr. Black) made the running in the early stages of the race, with Baffin Bay satisfied to remain in the fourth position. This order was maintained until the Rock when Mr. Chao sent Baffin Bay ahead to take second position, with Triumphant Day (Mr. Liang) in attendance.

Coming down the straight Australian Diamond was still leading, but on Baffin Bay passing it at the two mile post it had to admit defeat by two lengths. Triumphant Day was third, many lengths away.

Mr. Cooper Thrown

The first accident of the afternoon occurred in the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second Section). For novice jockeys, which was the second leg of the "Daily Double", Sylvandale, with Mr. Cooper up, coming a cropper just outside the paddock. Mr. Cooper escaped injury but Sylvandale had to be destroyed as it sustained a fractured pelvis.

The race itself was uninteresting, and resulted in a fine win for Portrush, Mr. Li Shiu-fai showing clever judgment in sending his pony into the lead, which it increased on rounding the bend, to win without difficulty. West Lake (Mr. S. W. Lee) was second and Sunlight View (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), the favourite, third.

For its win Portrush paid each of its 36 "Double" backers \$231.10. After the race a notice was posted to the effect that permission to Mr. Lo Kwong to ride had been withdrawn for the time being.

A Great Finish

The best finish of the day was seen in the Hongham Bay Handicap (First Section) for "B" Class China ponies, which was contested from the Two-Mile Post distance.

Ridden by Mr. Treverton, Charlesber jumped into the lead followed by Avon (Mr. Black) and Johnber (Mr. Chao). On rounding the Village bend Charlesber was still leading but immediately Avon passed it on coming into the straight, it faded out of the picture.

The race now resolved into a grim struggle between three ponies, Avon on the rails, Johnber on its left and Sam's Choice (Mr. Hearne) on the outside. Fighting out the finish with great determination on the part of the jockeys, the verdict in the end went to Avon, a short head in front of Johnber, with Sam's Choice third, another head behind.

Good Horsemanship

Mr. Black followed up his good work in the next race, the Caul-



field Handicap, to chalk up his third win of the afternoon. He fully deserved the great ovation that was accorded him on his magnificent handling of Mainsail, which clipped a second off Sapper's time, for this distance, under the new scale of weights.

The race started with Santa Anita (Mr. Liang) taking the lead with Mainsail following. On passing the Post for the first time, Mr. S. W. Lee sent Lex Fort up to take the lead followed by Mainsail and Happy Returns (Mr. Wei). Rounding the Village bend Mainsail passed Lex Fort, with Happy Returns following, but on coming into the straight, King's Flight, with Mr. Needa up, came up from behind with a terrific burst to give challenge to Mainsail, and although it came very near to passing it about 50 yards from the Post, Mainsail responded gallantly to the whip and came home a well-deserving winner by a length and a half, with Happy Returns third, another three lengths behind.

Second Spill

The Hongham Bay Handicap (Second Section) saw the second spill of the afternoon when Mr. Poy, on Rose Emily, was thrown. Luckily however, rider and horse came off without a scratch.

Hughber (Mr. Chao) took the lead from the start followed by Eve of Reason (Mr. Black), Hopul Star (Mr. Tang) and Galaxy (Mr. Wei). On passing the Rock Hughber still led, with Eve of Reason in close attendance and Eve of Dancing (Mr. Davis) in the rear.

On turning the bend for home, Rose Emily was seen to be jumping in between Eve of Reason and Eve of Dancing, and it was at this stage that Mr. Poy was thrown. Galaxy rushed up to challenge the leaders, passed Eve of Reason and then Eve of Dancing to fight out the finish with Hughber, and managed to win by a neck with Eve of Dancing third a half length behind.

A Stewards' Enquiry was held after the race with the result that Mr. Wei was severely reprimanded and Mr. Davis suspended for the rest of the first half of the season.

Springhurst's Win

The last race, the second section of the Calliope Handicap, saw Mr. Poy, on Springhurst, win from Contact (Mr. Davis) by a neck. Devonian (Mr. Black) as usual made the running fairly fast, with Contact following. On rounding the home bend Devonian fell out of the race. Contact, in the lead, was challenged by Springhurst, which came down the straight in a burst of speed to "pip" Contact by a neck on the Post. Vixen Tor (Mr. Treverton) was third.

Monday's Racing With Best Reviewed Tomorrow

C.S.C.C. XI

The Civil Service team to play Indians in a second division league cricket fixture at Sookunpoo on Saturday is as follows:—H. E. Strange (Captain), G. Ainslie, V. C. Bond, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. McGowan, J. Mitchell, R. Parrott, N. L. Smith, A. Watson.

JOCKEYS' & OWNERS' RECORDS

Following is how the leading jockeys and owners have fared at the Valley this year:

JOCKEYS	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
D. Black	14	6	13	34
P. Y. T. Wei	10	5	8	23
V. V. Needa	9	10	3	37
L. B. Chao	8	12	6	27
H. C. Pih	6	12	6	36
*C. B. Moller	6	5	4	13
H. J. A. Hearne	6	4	5	30
W. H. S. Davis	5	8	5	34
*F. Noedt	5	3	2	21
W. G. Poy	4	4	0	30
Ip Kuei-ying	4	1	2	9
H. M. Wood	3	0	0	19
*M. M. Sokoloff	2	6	4	15
S. C. Liang	2	2	4	24
P. P. Botelho	2	0	6	34
D. H. Craven	2	0	2	7
W. Yui	2	0	1	2
H. S. Chang	1	4	4	29
A. D. Coppin	1	2	0	2
S. W. Tang	1	1	3	14
G. Treverton	1	1	2	28
B. L. Tao	1	0	6	39
*H. J. Holden	1	0	1	0
T. W. Chattey	1	0	1	5
S. W. Pan	1	0	1	13
R. K. C. Chiu	1	0	1	27
B. A. Proulx	1	0	0	2
Li Shiu-fai	1	0	0	3
Chiu Ki-fan	0	2	1	22
S. W. Lee	0	2	1	32
Hoo Pak-ming	0	1	1	33
*G. Pollock	0	1	0	0
J. N. da Silva	0	1	0	1
*D. G. Woo	0	1	0	2
S. L. Sung	0	1	0	45
S. L. Yuen	0	1	0	1
L. J. A. Fielden	0	0	1	1
K. I. Ip	0	0	1	8
C. L. Gregory	0	0	1	14
Tang Man-wa	0	0	1	14
F. A. Sequeira	0	0	1	15
M. F. L. Haymes	0	0	0	1
J. Barrow	0	0	0	1
H. C. Chan	0	0	0	1
G. W. Cooper	0	0	0	2
C. C. Chan	0	0	0	2
Lo Kwong-to	0	0	0	3
Chanson Feng	0	0	0	5
Yeung Wing-kwai	0	0	0	5
Y. K. Tu	0	0	0	5
Ho Hong-ping	0	0	0	19

Visiting jockeys for the Annual Race Meeting who have since returned North

OWNERS	1st	2nd	3rd
T. K. L.	10	8	5
Circ	10	5	4
Eve	6	8	1
Lan	5	9	7
Necan	4	2	1
Marber	3	6	9
Eu Tong-zen	3	4	1
S. W. Lee	3	3	2
Mrs. Chuang Ho-yeen	3	1	1
Mrs. A. E. Grasett	3	0	0
Li Po-chun	3	0	0
G. Tinson	2	1	3
Salibad the Sailor	2	1	0
V. M. Grayburn	2	0	0
Golf	2	0	0
Lee Broc	1	4	1
Lee Chi-choh	1	3	3
C. H.	1	3	0
Dynasty	1	3	0
C. C. F.	1	2	0
Billy	1	2	0
Gredmaka	1	1	2
Collene	1	1	2
Miss Li Po-chun	1	1	1
S. K.	1	1	1
Kong Bros.	1	1	1
Choice	1	1	1
Kia Ora	1	1	0
Vilaja	1	0	4
L. W. S.	1	0	3
Toots	1	0	2
Why	1	0	2
E. S. K.	1	0	2
H. Leigh	1	0	1
P. & L.	1	0	1
Pearlton	1	0	1
Shields & Stanton	1	0	1
S. T. Williamson	1	0	1
F. A. Sutton	1	0	1
Chan K.	1	0	0
C. W. K.	1	0	0
Yeung Bros.	1	0	0
Weeloo	1	0	0
Hollandia	1	0	0
P. M. Hob	1	0	0
C. L. Gregory	1	0	0
Kwok Yee-choh	1	0	0
Treverton	1	0	0
Mrs. B. Hall	1	0	0
S. W.	1	0	0
Penh & Tsai	1	0	0
Numerals	1	0	0
Electricity	1	0	0
Chenoi	1	0	0
Waytoqng	1	0	0
Flancoe	1	0	0

FIRST WOMAN TO OWN DERBY WINNER

Lady James Douglas, 87, whose death in London was announced recently, was the first woman to own a winner of the Derby.

The horse was Gainsborough, who in 1918 won the Two Thousand Guineas, the substitute race for the Derby which was run at Newmarket, the substitute race for the St. Leger, also run at Newmarket, and the Newmarket Gold Cup, which took the place of the Ascot Gold Cup.

Lady James came into racing as a breeder rather than as an owner. One of her first purchases was Rosedrop, who had won the Oaks for Sir William Bass. Lady James sent Rosedrop to her newly-formed Harwood stud at Newbury, in Berkshire, and had her mated with Bayardo. The offspring was Gainsborough.

Stock Won £335,000

Not only did Gainsborough win £15,000 in stake money, but he earned a fortune in stud fees and his stock has won over £335,000.

They included the classic winners Hyperion (Derby and St. Leger), Orwell (2000 Guineas), Solario (St. Leger) and Singapore (St. Leger).

At 25 years of age Gainsborough is still at the stud.

Oaks Winner

Lady James won the Oaks in 1919 with Bayuda, who was bred at her Harwood stud. She also bred Rose of England, who won the Oaks for Lord Glanely in 1930.

The Harwood stud farm was offered for sale as a "going concern." It has now been taken over by Mr. Herbert Blagrove, the owner and trainer.

Lady James Douglas was a daughter of Frederick Hennessey, of Cognac, France. She was first married to Richard Hennessey, of Barneot, Cognac. In 1888 she married Lord James Edward Douglas, who died in 1891.

LATEST PONY CLASSIFICATION

Alterations to the Hong Kong Jockey Club's classification lists of March 23 are:

AUSTRALIAN PONIES		
To B Class.—Caterick Bridge, Fresh Air, Hole in One, Joan, Lancashire Chios, Man o' War, National Courage, The Nineteenth Hole, Wavorth.		
To C Class.—A Blossom Time, A Just Time, Amusement Tax, Anzac Day, Battle, Castle Hill, Corridoo Flying Porters, Gold, Rod Iron Bell, King's Welcome, Linda London, Vanguard, Willet, Zadderday.		
To D Class.—Dignitas, Graceful, Viw, Ledstar, Red Rabbit.		
To E Class.—Juliette, Macv, Staphlet View, Sydney Diamond, Tobaccoish, Vigor.		
CHINA PONIES		
To B Class.—So Nice, Wonderful Scheme.		
To C Class.—Oscar Zylch.		
To E Class.—Oomph.		

Lucky	0	2	1
Culture	0	2	0
Diamonds	0	2	0
C. H. Chan	0	1	3
C. N. K.	0	1	2
Tecor & Abraham	0	1	2
Cocoa	0	1	2
T. & E.	0	1	1
Quartermaster	0	1	1
G. A. Harriman	0	1	1
Wai Shiu-pak	0	1	0
Mok Kon-sang	0	1	0
Che, Jnr.	0	1	0
Lady Northcote	0	1	0
New Line	0	1	0
Chan & Chan	0	1	0
Li Shiu-fai	0	1	0
W. T. Stanton	0	0	2
T. L.	0	0	2
I. L.	0	0	1
S. S.	0	0	1
Manetta	0	0	1
Solemnly	0	0	1
I. M. M. F.	0	0	1
Arh	0	0	1
Mrs. J. T. Taggart	0	0	1
John Peel	0	0	1
S. L. K.	0	0	1
Chan Bros.	0	0	1
Y. L.	0	0	1
L. T. F.	0	0	1
Taxpayer	0	0	1
Totals	101	97	99

St. Joseph's Confound Critics

Frankie Gonzalez Again In Fine Form

Charity Games On Easter Monday

By "Grandstand"

CREAM ALWAYS comes to the top, and the talent in the pennant-winning St. Joseph's certainly rose to the surface, when they asserted their superiority over the Stanley Mohawks, and, despite the fact that the wise-guys doped a Collegian massacre, the Saints humiliated the Tribe 7-1 in the night-cap of Monday's double-header staged for the benefit of the Chinese "warphans."

There is a saying that every batter has his own weakness, and youthful Collegian hurler Frankie "Bashful" Gonzalez, sure enough found the blind spots of the Mohawk clan, as he only yielded five measly hits for nine semesters—or maybe the Tribe didn't have their hitting suits on.

Gonzalez fanned none and walked none, whilst the Collegian bruising batters nicked Mohawk chucker Cy "Screwball" Jones for nine safeties.

Air-Tight Ball

Both sides played air-tight ball for the first four frames, a string of horse-collars decorating the score-board, and it was not until the fifth canto that the Mohawks managed to chalk up their lone tally on a bobbie and a fielder's choice. The Saints, however, took the lead in the sixth, with a cluster of four counters, on only one hit, when the Mohawks, busted wide open, committing five errors, which helped to pile up the runs. Another splurge of three markers, in the ninth just about cinched the game for the Saint.

The Mohawks stored a twin-killing in the first frame, when Hank Ali was caught off in the after. Ali O'zma had pushed out to find catcher Joe Morris, whilst Davis and Morris were both erased when the former got snared all crossed up and lined out to George Souza instead of laying down a bunt.

Johnnie Davis was the most surprised man in the ball park when Umpire Nick Beltrao thumbed him out as the ball was relayed to first-sacker Stan Leonard to complete the double play.

Souza and Ozono, guarding the keystone, were the spark of the infield, stopping everything that came their way, especially the latter, who dished out a fielding gem, when he cut off Johnson's blow to short right, which had base-hit written all over it.

Hurler Frankie Gonzalez led the Collegian slugging parade by connecting safely three times in his five stints to the plate, but stood still on a groover with two big ones on him for a strike-out victim.

Betty Fitzgerald Shines

In the curtain-raiser, the Wildcats clawed their way over the All Stars for a 9-5 triumph. Wild-

CHINESE FEDERATION TEAM CHOSEN

Following have been chosen to represent the Chinese Federation in the Final of the Governor's Cup Competition on Saturday.

CHINESE FEDERATION:—Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China) and Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern); Lau Hing-choy (South China); Hsu King-seng (Eastern) and Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); C. T. Tsao (Eastern); Chan Tak-fai (South China); Lee Wai-tong (South China) Capt.; V. K. Hyui (Eastern) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—Lee Kwok-keo (Kwong Wah), Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Tse Kam-hung (South China), Lo Wal-kuen (Eastern), Lau Chi-chan (Eastern), Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao), Yeung Shui-yek (Sing Tao), Cheung Kam-hoi (Eastern), Chuck Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Chau Man-chi (South China), Wong King-cheong (Kwong Wah) and Yau Wah-hing (Kit Chee).

Manager:—Sze Po-wai and Lam Chung-ho.

cat slabbies Thelma Collao whiffed six and walked three, whilst Mary Ng, toting the rubber for the All Stars, fanned four, but issued nve free tickets to first.

Redbird Betty Fitzgerald, the 'rookie of the year,' came through with flying colours, returning a perfect three in three stick performance, whilst Wildcat third-sacker Gloria Mar, slashed out the longest hit of the scuffle with a triple, but was nailed at the counting station as she tried to stretch it into a four-master.

NEW COTTAGE CLUB TROPHY

The Cottage Club will hold its next hunt in the Dill's Corner country on Saturday, the winner of the hunt to receive the "Kiki Cup," a trophy which has been donated by Madame Louis de San, formerly Miss Kiki de Chaffoy de Courcelles.

Hunts will be drawn for at the Club at 3 p.m. and the hunt will start from Dill's Corner at 4 p.m. In the evening, a supper will be held at the Club house, prior to which Madame de San will present the Cup to the winner.

TENNIS REMINDER

Club Secretaries are reminded that entries for the Tennis League close to-day. Entries are to be sent to Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association.

WOMEN'S BADMINTON

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY MISS U. LOO

On the form revealed in last night's ladies' doubles Colony championship matches, finalists are likely to be Miss Mylthie Silva and Miss Maggie Xavier, and Mrs. Nora Castro and Miss Thelma Gonzalez.

A very high standard was set, reached in the course of the four matches played but there were some interesting rallies and the great keenness of all participants made all the encounters interesting.

Although she figured on the losing side, Miss Ulian Khoo was the best player on view. In partnership with Mrs. Peggy Wilson, she gave a fine all-round display and it was chiefly due to her efforts that such stern opposition was offered to the powerful combination of Miss Marie Ribeiro and Mrs. Olga Ribeiro Silva.

Mrs. Wilson, a splendid mixed doubles player, was not at home when forced to take the rear of the court and the Recreio pair, discovering this in the course of the great struggle for the first game, concentrated on drawing Miss Khoo to the net and then attacking her partner.

Miss Mylthie Silva and Miss Xavier, although their opponents took 11 aces in the second game, were never in any difficulty and their match with Mrs. Silva and Miss Ribeiro in the next round should provide some of the best badminton in this event.

POOR TENNIS MATCH

By "Adrem"

In easily the worst match seen on the Stand Court thus far, E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung yesterday beat Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui 6-1, 6-4 in the Colony Open Doubles tennis tournament.

None of the players were in anything like decent form and there were not more than a couple of rallies that amounted to anything. Most points were won on errors and the C.R.C. pair making more, they naturally lost.

The first set took exactly 10 minutes and, after Kong and Fung had gone into a lead of 4-1 in the second, and there appeared to be reason for expecting that the standard would improve, Fung went all to pieces, and Fincher and Hung took the next five games in a row to win the set and match at 6-4.

To-day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES
Semi Final
Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Ip v. S. A. Rungah and H. D. Rungah (Stand Court)

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
C. H. R. Oxley (152) v. R. E. Guey (141) (7)

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
Semi Final
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (152) v. H. J. Amstrong and F. Wynter-Blyth (15) (8)

POLO CLUB GYMKHANA

In aid of the B.W.O.F., the Hong Kong Polo Club will hold a Gymkhana at the Polo Ground, Boundary Street, Kowloon, shortly. The first event will be a Show jumping competition for two classes, Australian and China Ponies. There will be six different jumps of the usual Show jumping type, varying in height from three to four feet.

The entrance fee will be \$5 each pony, and entries should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Polo Club, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon. Entries will close on May 10.

FINE DISPLAY BY THE CANADIANS

By "Grandstand"

IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS of the International series, played off last Sunday, both China and India eked out narrow victories to qualify for the semi-finals, the former nosing out the Philippine Islanders by 4-3, and the latter just managing a 7-5 victory on a last-inning rally.

As expected, Portugal easily accounted for the Great Britain contingent by the large margin of 10-3.

Although Chinese hurler Herbie Quon limited the P.I. squad to only two scattered safeties, the verdict might very well have been different were it not for bone-head base-running, which resulted in a Chinese twin-killing snuffing out a Philippine uprising in the last stanza.

Quon set the pace from the start with his torrid heaves, which were hotter than the bowl of a two bit smoking pipe, as he whiffed the first three batters to face him, to chalk up a total of eight strikeouts for the tussle, but occasionally lost control of the horsehide and walked six, in addition to being charged with two wild pitches, Tatong Amper, who went the route for the Phillies, fanned four.

Chinese Score First

The Chinese opened the scoring in the initial chapter, when Wally Ching chased in Nip Lum with a triple, but died on the sacks.

The Islanders replied with a marker when Hildeonse drew a free ticket on the gravy train, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on third-sacker Bunn's fumble.

Despite the fact that Wally Ching talked once more for the Chinese in the third, the Phillies took the lead in the fourth, when Bob Laurel and Tatong Amper denied the pay-off station on first-sacker Ross Mark's expensive wild heave to the plate.

The lead was short-lived as the Chinese took advantage of four P.I. miscues in the fifth to tally twice. In their last turn at bat, Bob Laurel trotted to first on four pitched balls to choke the bases with Filipinos with only one out.

Saturated with Ruthian ambitions, Lefty Amper ambled to the plate, but all he could produce was an infield pop which Wally Ching clamped his hands on.

Frankie Gonzalez, who was perched on second, went tearing to third with the crack of the bat, and was sheepishly called out as the ball was relayed to keystoneer Bill Chang.

Wally Ching hammered out the longest blow of the day with a triple, and also connected for a two-bagger in his three trips to the plate, whilst Loyo'a cracked out both of the Philippine safeties.

Canadians Weaken

The Canadians almost made headline when they had the edge on the Indians for six frames, but busted wide open in the last chapter to finish at the short end of a 7-5 verdict.

Pie'ding almost the same team that wrested the title from Portugal last year, the Indians just couldn't do a thing in spite of the ragged eight-error Maple Leaf fielding, whilst Huckjail Kitchell just about pulled the game out of the fire for the Indians, in a dazzling performance at the windy alley, as he tossed out Gas Oliver and Bernie Johnson in the last frame with lightning pegs after third-sacker Sherry Bux had booted both chances.

The Canucks were blanked in the first two frames, but broke the ice, as Pullen started a three-run splurge with a double. He certainly wasn't pullin' his hits, as his mighty wallop went for two bases.

Both Markar Jr. and Baby Abbas connected safely two in three times with the hickory, whilst Pullen, Bill Ing and Cyclone Balkar were each good for a double apiece.

Kassa Nazarin, Sherry Bux and Baby Abbas completed the only double play of the fracas, when

they neatly erased Johnnie Fisher and Gas Oliver in the first heat.

Gosano's Fine Pitching

Portuguese slabster Gerry Gosano displayed championship calibre in returning a three-hitter against Great Britain's nine, who were eliminated from the series by 10-3.

Gosano fanned seven Britishers and walked one, while Jock Brown, toting the rubber for the losers, whiffed two and passed three to first.

The Portuguese lads had the jump on the Britishers when they produced a cluster of five counters on four blows in the first frame, and cinched the issue with a three-run splurge in the final session on two safeties.

The first British tally crossed the pan in the fifth when Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard doubled and was chased in by George White's single to short centre, and added one more in each of the sixth and seventh heats.

Rookie Charlie Quinn soaked the apple for a neat 1,000, which included a triple in his two batting turns, whilst short-stop George Souza's four in five was the next best.

British hindsnatcher Taylor handled Nick Beltrao's pop bunt neatly and caught Bertie Gosano off first for the only double erasure of the tilt.

LYCEUM BEAT 'VARSITY

Macao Lyceum beat the University by the single goal in a hockey encounter at Pokfulam yesterday. University fielded was their best team, but found the Macao students a better team. Trigo de Silva, Macao centre-half, scored in the first half.

MACAO LYCEUM—Rozario Liang, G. Noronha, A. Basto, G. Silva, Trigo de Silva, A. Leitao, H. Rocha, A. Basto Jr., G. Souza, A. Silva and Almeida.

UNIVERSITY—Lee Hau-fong, K. Y. Tam, N. H. Low, S. Ampla-vanar, Lee Chee-kun, T. T. Chir, Aziz Ahmed, D. Chelliah, Hans Raj, N. Singh and Ho Hon-fah.



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SITUATION IN LIBYA ALREADY STABILISED

British Forces In Position To Give Battle

SURVIVORS OF BRITISH SHIP LANDED

Nineteen survivors of the crew of a British steamer were landed in Pernambuco yesterday from a Brazilian steamer which picked them up on Sunday.

The British vessel is reported to have been torpedoed. —Reuter.

No Cause For Anxiety

THE SITUATION IN LIBYA IS NOW STABILISED ALTHOUGH FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON. THIS IS INDICATED BY NEWS RECEIVED FROM LIBYA, WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS IN CAIRO STATED LAST NIGHT.

Strong British forces have taken up positions to give battle in a most favourable strategic area and, even should the German command continue to flog its troops and vehicles to the limit in the Western Desert, there is no cause for anxiety.

German prisoners state they had been without food or water for two days and could no longer carry out instructions to push on as fast as possible.

With the British Air Force holding complete superiority in the air and continually bombing German supply positions, German forward units are becoming ragged.

The German Stuka dive-bombers are neither a match for the British Hurricane nor for British ground troops, who hold their fire until the low-flying Nazi planes become targets that can hardly be missed.

Nazi Casualties

German casualties in vehicles are increasing hourly with the

incessant destructive bombing of the R.A.F.

There is no doubt in the minds of the British Command of the result of the large-scale clash between British Imperial forces and the Germans, even if the latter reach the positions chosen by the British Command.

THESE DEFENCES WERE CONSTRUCTED TO HALT THE THREATENED ITALIAN ADVANCE LAST AUTUMN. THEY REMAIN INTACT AND STRONGER THAN EVER.

Troops returning from the desert to re-equip are in the highest spirits.

Optimism is the keynote of their descriptions of the situation, which is becoming more stable each day as our forces concentrate.

The Tobruk Clash

Regarding the situation in Libya the War Office has issued a communique which states: "In the repulse of the German attack at Tobruk on Monday about 200 German prisoners were taken and over 100 enemy were killed."

"At least 15 enemy tanks were destroyed. Our losses were eight."

"In the Sollum area, we inflicted losses on the enemy by patrol and artillery action."

"In Abyssinia, our advance was resumed towards Dessie while in the southern areas the vigorous pursuit of enemy detachments is being continued." —Reuter.

TURKEY ON THE QUI VIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Turkish Government has begun large-scale recruiting among students at Istanbul University for a special corps of troops trained to combat parachutists.

This is the latest of a series of emergency measures to prepare for any eventuality which might transpire as a result of the German invasion of Yugoslavia and the occupation of Bulgaria.

Simultaneously it was learned in Istanbul that Germany this week is to conduct big naval and air manoeuvres off the Black Sea coasts of Rumania and Bulgaria and near Russia's Black Sea coast.

Twenty Nazi submarines, assembled at the Rumanian naval base of Constanza, will take part.

Meanwhile Turkish school-teachers have been ordered to abstain from travel in order to keep them easily available to help organise and lead evacuations of children in the event of war. —International News Service.

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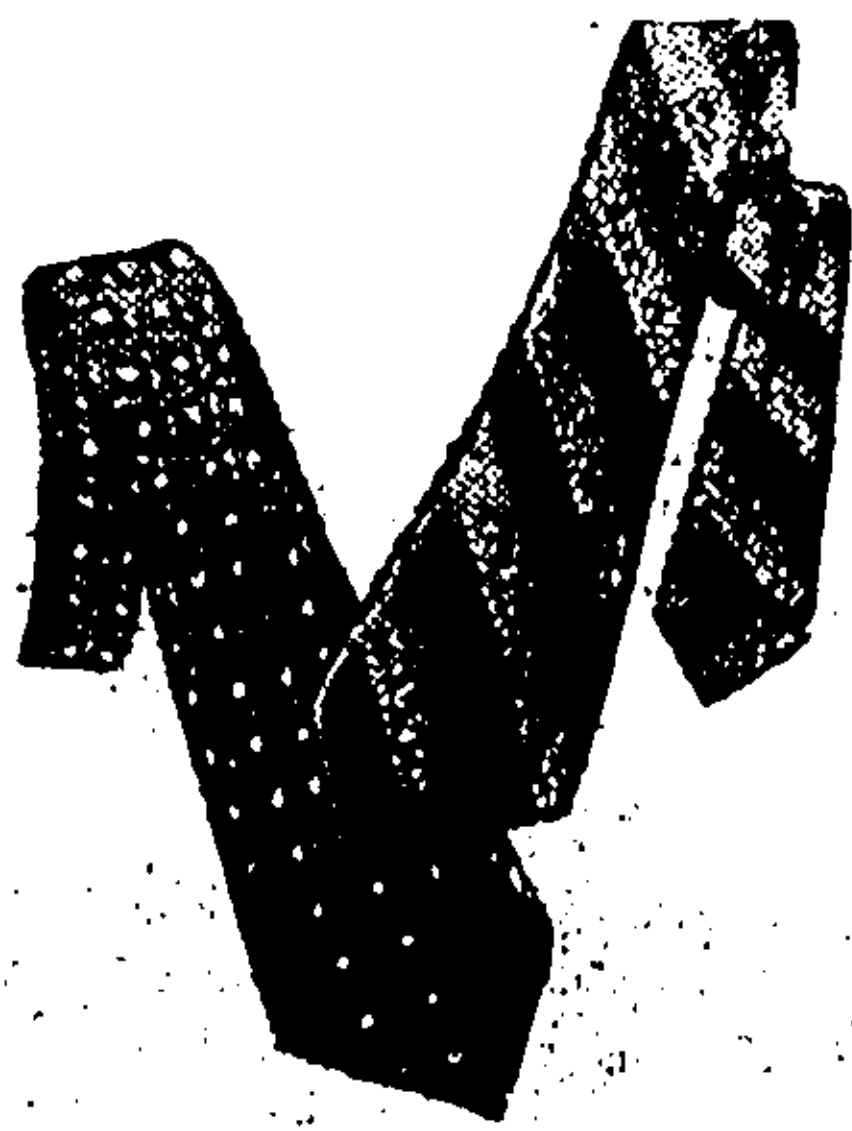
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EGYPT TO DECLARE WAR ON AXIS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

General Sir Archibald Wavell has called on the Egyptian Premier, in Cairo, for talks which were attended by the Egyptian Defence Minister.

Recent reports have suggested the possibility of an Egyptian declaration of war against Italy and Germany.—International News Service.

JAPAN MORE CAUTIOUS

After the first flush of enthusiasm for the new Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact, Japanese newspapers have adopted a more reserved tone.

Caution is urged and the view is expressed that unless Moscow suspends help to China and reaches an agreement with Japan on various issues at present outstanding between the two countries, the Pact will be valueless.

One newspaper says the Pact should not be construed as a gesture of goodwill to Japan, but as the natural policy of the Soviet Union which seeks to profit by the wars of others.—Reuter.

DECISIVE PERIOD OF WAR

"WE ARE NOW IN THE MIDST OF A DECISIVE PERIOD IN THIS WORLD WAR," DECLARED THE U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, COL. FRANK KNOX, GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION OF THE LABOUR SITUATION AND DEFENCE YESTERDAY.

"Step by step I see my country gradually being encircled and isolated, and should disaster come to those actually engaged in this war, I see this nation surrounded by nations who have made known how they feel about our nation and our institutions."—Reuter.

Nazi Tank Attack On Right Sector Repulsed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A GREEK WAR MINISTRY BULLETIN, READ OVER ATHENS RADIO, CLAIMS SHATTERING AERIAL BOMBINGS OF GERMAN TANK COLUMNS, SUPPLY BASES AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN THE VITAL MONASTIR AREA, ON THE YUGOSLAV-GREEK FRONTIER.

The bulletin stated that the situation of the Greek and British troops holding the main defence line from the Adriatic to the Aegean at Mount Olympus is most satisfactory.

It is declared that the Greek army's morale is better than when the Italians were thrown out of Greece last autumn.

It is claimed the Greeks continued to hold their allotted part of the battle front, and that attacks by Italian patrols in Albania were repulsed with heavy losses in the northern and central sectors and north of the Aous River, near Tepelini.

A Press Ministry communique also asserted that the situation in southern Yugoslavia has further improved.

Britain Rushing Troops

In London, it is stated that fighting in northern Greece is taking place in a heavy snowstorm.

High British quarters scornfully dismissed as "hardly worth denying" Nazi allegations that a general British evacuation of Greece has begun.

On the contrary, it was stated, fresh contingents of British troops have just been landed and powerful reinforcements of British and Greek troops are being rushed to the battlefield to meet the Nazis.—International News Service.

Several Attacks Repulsed

THE WAR OFFICE IN LONDON, IN A COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH THE SITUATION IN GREECE, ANNOUNCES: "ON OUR RIGHT SECTOR SEVERAL ATTACKS BY ENEMY MECHANISED TROOPS WERE REPULSED. IN OTHER AREAS IT IS QUIET."—REUTER.

Italians Caught Napping

Details of the Greek evacuation of the northern sector of the Albanian front, announced in Athens yesterday, show that it was carried out with precision and perfect secrecy, the Greeks taking away all material and artillery and destroying bridges.

The process of evacuation lasted three days, and on Monday the Italians became aware of it and advanced into the Koritza region.

SMALL GREEK COVERING FORCES WERE ABLE TO RETREAT THEMSELVES WITHOUT LOSING A SINGLE MAN TO THE ENEMY.

The withdrawal has unified the Greek-British defence line which for the most part now consists of territory regarded as very difficult for mechanised columns.—Reuter.

Strategic Necessity

From the strategic point of view the withdrawal from Koritza was rendered necessary by the fact that the Greek defence line had to be linked up without leaving vulnerable points.

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DRAMATIC YUGOSLAV SUCCESS

THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING CORPORATION CORRESPONDENT FROM "SOMEWHERE IN YUGOSLAVIA" REPORTS THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE RETAKEN SKOLPJE AND NISH.

THE YUGOSLAVS, HE ADDS, CLAIM TO HAVE TAKEN 20,000 PRISONERS AND TO HAVE ISOLATED A GERMAN PANZER DIVISION AND 400 GERMAN TANKS.—REUTER.

BREAK IN RELATIONS PROBABLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Diplomatic relations between the United States and the German-influenced Danish Government have been virtually severed, with a complete rupture expected at any moment.

President Roosevelt declared in Washington that the United States would stand fast in its determination to fortify and defend Greenland, despite the repudiation by Copenhagen of the agreement reached in Washington.

Officials in Washington yesterday conceded the growing possibility of a similar breach with Rome after the State Department's receipt of a further "most vigorous protest" from Italy over the United States' "arbitrary" action in seizing 28 Italian vessels and their crews.—International News Service.

BRITISH CRUISER SUNK

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT H.M.S. BONAVENTURE HAS BEEN TORPEDOED AND SUBSEQUENTLY SANK.

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A BRITISH SUBMARINE SANK AN ENEMY TANKER BOUND FOR A PORT IN OCCUPIED FRANCE.—REUTER.

The Admiralty announces that H.M.S. Bonaventure was torpedoed while acting as escort to a convoy.—British Wireless.

10,000-Ton Tanker

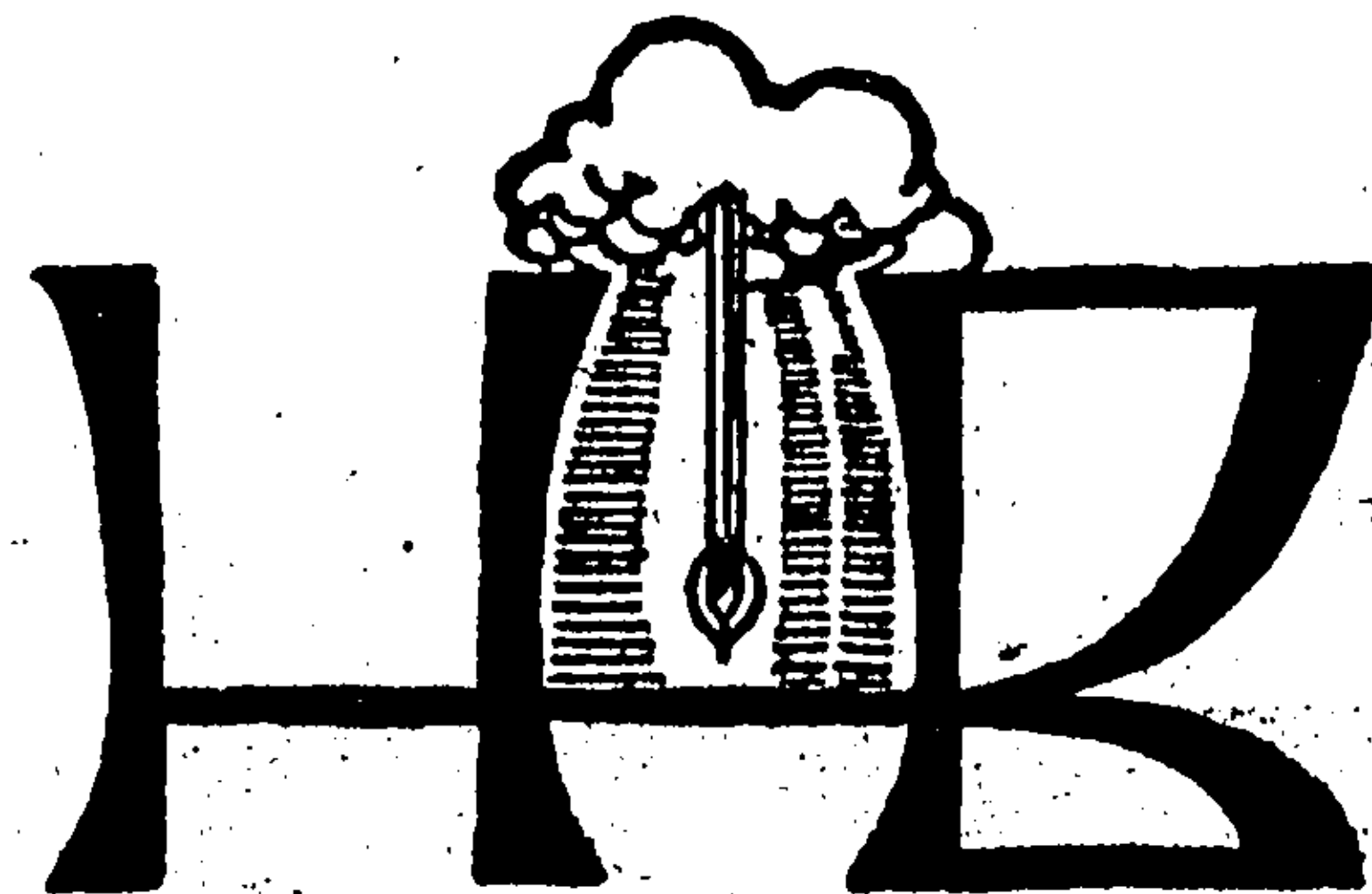
The Admiralty announces that H.M. submarine Tigris reported she has sunk an armed and heavily laden tanker of about 10,000 tons which was bound for a port in enemy occupied France.

This vessel was commanded by Lt. Commander Bone, who has already received the D.S.O. and D.S.C.—British Wireless.

MR. HOPKINS TO HAVE CHARGE

President Roosevelt has placed Mr. Harry Hopkins, his special envoy, to be officially in charge of the purchasing and acquisition of war materials for all countries under the Lease and Lend Act, says Reuter from Washington.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

SURPRISE RAID ON NORWEGIAN PORT

Ex-American Destroyer Carries Out Exploit

Complete Success Of Sortie

A FORMER UNITED STATES WARSHIP LED THE RAID ON A NORTH NORWEGIAN PORT EARLY ON SATURDAY MORNING, IT WAS REVEALED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

It was one of the American destroyers taken over by Britain last year, four of which are now sailing under the Norwegian flag.

AMERICAN AID TO CHINA

Early announcement of American aid to China under the Lease and Lend Act was indicated by the Chinese Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Hu Shih, after attending a conference at the White House yesterday.

The Ambassador was accompanied to the White House by Mr. T. V. Soong, China's leading financial expert. — Reuter.

RAPID ADVANCE IN ABYSSINIA

BRITISH FORCES ON ROUTE TO GIMMA HAVE REACHED THE RIVER OMO, 106 MILES SOUTH-WEST OF ADDIS ABABA. STATES AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE IN NAIROBI.

Having bridged the Awash River the column moving south from Adama has occupied Aselle without opposition.

Large quantities of material taken at Addis Ababa include surveying equipment valued at £10,000. — Reuter.



unit has arisen from the road unit. — The dire need for this in evacuated areas, and the disorder caused by people leaving military in cases of urgency. Leaving of the roads for the Traffic Control men now on. There are over 10,000 of these men are shown under instruction in the British Isles. The New Traffic Control Army, on, learning various signals etc.

The landing party were mostly hardened Norwegian sailors and fishermen, with a sprinkling of pilots who know every fjord and inlet of the intricate Norwegian coast.

The destroyer crept in during the early hours of the morning and landed a party of volunteers. Telephone and telegraph wires were cut and local Quilings and Germans rounded up.

Stocks from the fish oil factory were seized and the factory destroyed, after which other oil depots were disposed of and the harbour works blown up.

The Germans were taken completely by surprise and it was not until 24 hours later that the Nazis outside the area got wind of the raid.

Having done its job well, the destroyer drew off in the early morning without a single Allied loss. — Reuter.

FAREWELL TO QUO TAI-CHI

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, WAS AMONG THOSE WHO ATTENDED AN AT HOME GIVEN BY MR. QUO TAI-CHI, THE RETIRING CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, AT THE EMBASSY YESTERDAY.

The American, Russian and Belgian Ambassadors, the Greek and Thailand Ministers, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Sir John Anderson and Viscount Simon were also present.

Chinese costumes worn by members of the Embassy staff mingled with British and foreign uniforms. Mr. Churchill was present at a luncheon earlier. — Reuter.



The use of the stirrup pump for putting out incendiary bombs has proved completely successful under the test of grim experience in England, and this equipment is now being strongly recommended for Hong Kong. An invitation was recently extended by the D.A.R.P. for applications for the necessary equipment at low cost. Photo shows a local demonstration of the way an incendiary is tackled, taken last week.

INDIAN TROOPS' GALLANTRY AT MASSAWA

MANY DEEDS OF gallantry by Indian troops during the operations leading to the fall of Massawa, in Eritrea, are described in despatches received in New Delhi yesterday from Eritrea.

The morale of the Italians began to give way under the relentless battering to which they were subjected. Indian troops were quick to seize advantage and to attempt actions against odds which normally would be extremely hazardous.

On several occasions enemy machine-gun positions concealed in wire entanglements were taken at the point of the bayonet, one sepoy taking such a post single-handedly by crawling close enough to throw a hand-grenade.

Another havildar led a detachment across a bullet-swept area and minefield to cut off 500 Italian naval ratings holding one sector of the line.

During the attack on the port an Indian company led by a subadar succeeded in rounding up approximately 200 prisoners, all Europeans, who were preparing to make a stand.

Clever Capture

The subadar sent a platoon to the flank with orders to open rapid fire eventually effecting a clever capture.

Indian troops in carriers were the first to enter Massawa, despite minefields crowding the entrance which were easily located and disposed of by Indian sappers and miners.

As soon as the troops were dismissed in Massawa there was a general rush to the sea and bathing was soon in full swing, though it was nearly midnight. Meanwhile khansamas were settling down to cook an enormous meal of celebration over captured Italian ranges. — Reuter

CAUTIOUS TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The Mediterranean situation was responsible for the generally cautious tendency prevailing on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Prices were widely marked down but there was no selling pressure. Oil shares and European bonds were especially easy but industrials kept relatively steady and gilt-edged closed steadier. Japanese and Brazilian bonds also declined. Wall Street was barely steady. — Reuter.

U.S. Will Protect Shipping

"The United States will protect her merchantmen wherever they go so long as they do not enter combat zones proclaimed under the Neutrality Act," declared President Roosevelt at his press conference yesterday.

He was replying to a query whether this was the United States policy.

"It is not a question of policy but of law," he added.

President Roosevelt declined to say whether United States ships going to the Red Sea would likewise be protected, adding that he knew of no ships in those waters now.

Questioned on the possibility of arming United States freighters, he said, "There has never been any discussion of that except by orators." — Reuter.

BIG LOAN IN AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA IS TO RAISE A £35,000,000 LOAN, OF WHICH £27,000,000 WILL BE FOR WAR PURPOSES AND THE REMAINDER FOR PUBLIC WORKS, INCLUDING STRATEGIC RAILWAYS AND ROADS.

The loan will be issued in two sections, one short term bearing interest at 2½ per cent and the other longer term at 3¼ per cent. — Reuter.

BRIDE AT 18 REBUKES RECTOR

(By A Special Correspondent)

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Mrs. Gladys Metcalfe tossed her pretty head and exclaimed, "What cheek! Whose business is it but mine at what age I get married?" And that is what most of the girls of Mottingham, Kent, were saying when they heard of the local rector's strictures on youthful marriages.

Writing in his parish magazine, the Rev. C. E. J. Chennell, rector of St. Andrew's, urged couples to delay their weddings until after the war.

"Only One For Me"

"Harry and I had known each other for three years and had been engaged for two when we got married. We were happy enough then, but even though we so rarely see each other we are much happier now. He is the only one for me and always will be.

"Anyway I had a good example to follow. My grandmother wed at seventeen—she is seventy-eight now—and no one can say her marriage was lamentable."

Mr. Walter Crimaldi, the registrar for Edmonston, who supported Mr. Chennell's observations, got even shorter shrift from Mrs. Metcalfe. He had suggested that many married simply to get the Army allowance.

"And I suppose that's why I'm still working like other young married women here," said Mrs. Metcalfe.

"Of the last twenty-four marriages at the church," he wrote, "seventeen of the girls were twenty-one or under, one was seventeen, and two were eighteen. The tendency of girls to marry so young is lamentable."

"That's what he thinks," said Mrs. Metcalfe, "a St. Andrew's bride, who this month celebrates the first anniversary of her wedding. "It was the wisest thing I ever did and you will find most young brides round here say the same."

Gladys was eighteen when she married twenty-five-year-old Driver Harry Metcalfe, of the R.A.S.C.

"So I suppose ours would be one of the marriages of which he didn't approve," she said. "Nobody who knows all the circumstances will agree with him."

German Aircraft Shot Out Of Skies Round Tobruk

Twenty Destroyed By Two British Squadrons

TWENTY GERMAN and two Italian aircraft were shot down in the Tobruk area on Monday. Two British fighter squadrons were mainly responsible for this success, announces an R.A.F. communique issue in Cairo yesterday.

When several formations of enemy 'planes attempted to raid a British Libyan outpost, eight Junkers dive-bombers were shot down by one squadron and four more by A.A. fire.

In the same area another squadron shot down a German Heinkel aircraft, two Italian monoplane fighters and seven twin-engined Junkers bombers.

The bombing and machine-gunning offensive against enemy aerodromes, concentrations of troops and motor transport in Cyrenaica continued throughout Monday and the previous night.

Heavy damage and many casualties were inflicted as a result of these raids, particularly in the Tobruk area.

Much Damage

Military buildings were destroyed at El Adem, Derna and Gambut, while heavy explosions occurred and direct hits were registered on dispersed aircraft.

Full results were difficult to observe but it is confirmed that much damage was done.

Three more German 'planes were destroyed at Menaster (a landing ground near Tobruk) where Royal Australian Air Force fighters destroyed two Messerschmitt twin-engined fighters in combat and one Junkers transport 'plane on the ground.

Transport Destroyed

Many enemy motor transport vehicles were destroyed or damaged in this area, too.

Tripoli, main base of German reinforcements in Libya, again was heavily raided on Monday night and, as on Sunday, bombs straddled shipping in the harbour.

One vessel was seen burning fiercely while others must have suffered damage.

Malta Raid

South African Air Force fighters, operating in Abyssinia, machine-gunned the aerodrome at Ginnia, where two Italian aircraft were burnt out.

Malta was raided again on Sunday night and some damage caused to both civilian and Service property but casualties were few. —Reuter.

CHOSE BLITZ JOB

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT] Volunteer nurses for all parts of Britain are coming to London to take fortnightly turns of blitz work in shelters.

They are members of the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance organisations, specially picked to take the job.

"Between twenty-five and thirty provincial nurses are always working in London," an official of the British Red Cross told me.

"We appealed for help from the country because at first we hadn't enough nurses to staff London shelters. Now more trained nurses are joining shelter staffs.

"Girls work for a fortnight or more in London, then return to their homes. Some stay several weeks.

"They are chosen because of their experience in similar work. Usually they work in shelters with a trained nurse.

"We like the volunteers to be over twenty-five and capable of taking full charge of the shelter in an emergency."

DAYLIGHT OFFENSIVE PATROLS

R.A.F. fighters carried out offensive patrols over the Channel and Northern France during daylight yesterday and shot down two German fighters.

A German bomber was also destroyed by our fighters over the Channel. One British fighter is missing.

No bombs fell on Britain during daylight yesterday.

The alert sounded in the London area at a late hour last night and enemy aircraft were reported over areas in the north-west, east and south-west of England, the North Midlands and East Anglia. —Reuter.

RIGHT TO TAKE OVER SHIPS

Legislation authorising President Roosevelt, during the present emergency, to purchase, requisition or take possession of foreign merchantmen lying idle in United States ports, was laid before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday by its chairman, Senator George. —Reuter.

Lands factory girls that is keeping prices up.

BLOOMS GO TO MUNITION GIRLS

By A Special Correspondent The high price of cut flowers in London at a time when they should be getting cheaper is largely due to the fact that girl munition workers in the Midlands are spending their money on brightening their homes.

Thousands of these girls are getting more wages than ever before, and they are buying flowers regularly for the first time in their lives.

"They are finding the joy of having fresh blooms about them, and are buying from the florists at whatever price is asked," said Mr. Moyses Stevens, head of the well-known London florists.

"Government restrictions, bad weather, and loss of foreign sources have reduced the quantities of flowers available, but it is this new flower habit of the Mid-

HURRICANES SHATTER RAIDERS OVER PIRAEUS

R.A.F. FIGHTERS shot down five Junkers twin-engined bombers and severely damaged several others, which are unlikely to have reached their base, yesterday morning when German 'planes attempted the first recorded dive-bombing attack on the Piraeus, the harbour of Athens.

Slight damage was caused to R.A.F. property. All our fighters returned to base.

R.A.F. bomber operations from Greek bases are playing havoc with German communications. A pilot officer participating in the initial attack on troop concentrations near Yanitzza described yesterday the "truly remarkable" effect of a tracer machine-gun bullet attack on a long convoy near Pella.

ONE LORRY BURST INTO FLAMES, ANOTHER SUDDENLY OVERTURNED, BLOCKING THE ROAD COMPLETELY, AND A THIRD CRASHED INTO A DITCH.

The accuracy and teamwork displayed by these waves of British bombers were equalled by the clockwork arrival of two sergeant pilots who took two bombers over Sofia on Sunday night and reported large

fires and explosions in marshalling yards. A direct hit on a munitions train tossed one 'plane about like a leaf and almost blinded the pilot. —Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICANS FOR LIBYA

"SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY FORCES ARE NOW LIKELY TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING IN AFRICA BEYOND EAST AFRICA AND ABYSSINIA."

This announcement was made by the Department of Defence in Pretoria in a statement yesterday calling for recruits for all branches of the defence forces. —Reuter.

STAFF TALKS IN ANKARA ADJOURNED

Lt-Gen. Sir James Marshall-Cornwall has left Ankara for Egypt.

Accompanied by Air Marshal Elmhurst he arrived in Turkey from Egypt at the beginning of April to resume talks with the Turkish General Staff. —Reuter.

HITLER'S PROGRAMME

HITLER HAS APPOINTED NAZI CIVIL ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE GERMAN-OCCUPIED YUGOSLAV TERRITORIES OF LOWER STYRIA, CARINTHIA AND CARNIOLA. FORMER AUSTRIAN TERRITORY INCORPORATED IN YUGOSLAVIA AFTER THE LAST WAR.

The civil administrators will be directly responsible to Hitler, while the execution of military law remains in the hands of the Army Command. —Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON SOFIA

Aiming at dislocating German communications at Sofia, the R.A.F. raided the Bulgarian capital on Sunday night.

The main goods station, marshalling yards and warehouses were the chief targets. Many fires were started in the goods yards where two trucks received direct hits and blew up with a detonation that suggested they contained explosives.

An R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday records that enemy convoys leading the German march into Greece were again successfully attacked by bombers.

TWO WERE IN THE REGION OF YANITZA, PTOOEMAS, KOLAZA AND GORNA DUMAYA AND MUCH DAMAGE WAS CAUSED TO ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL.

Patrolling R.A.F. fighters shot down two Junkers dive-bombers in the Volos area and a third near Ptolemais, where a Messerschmidt fighter was also destroyed.

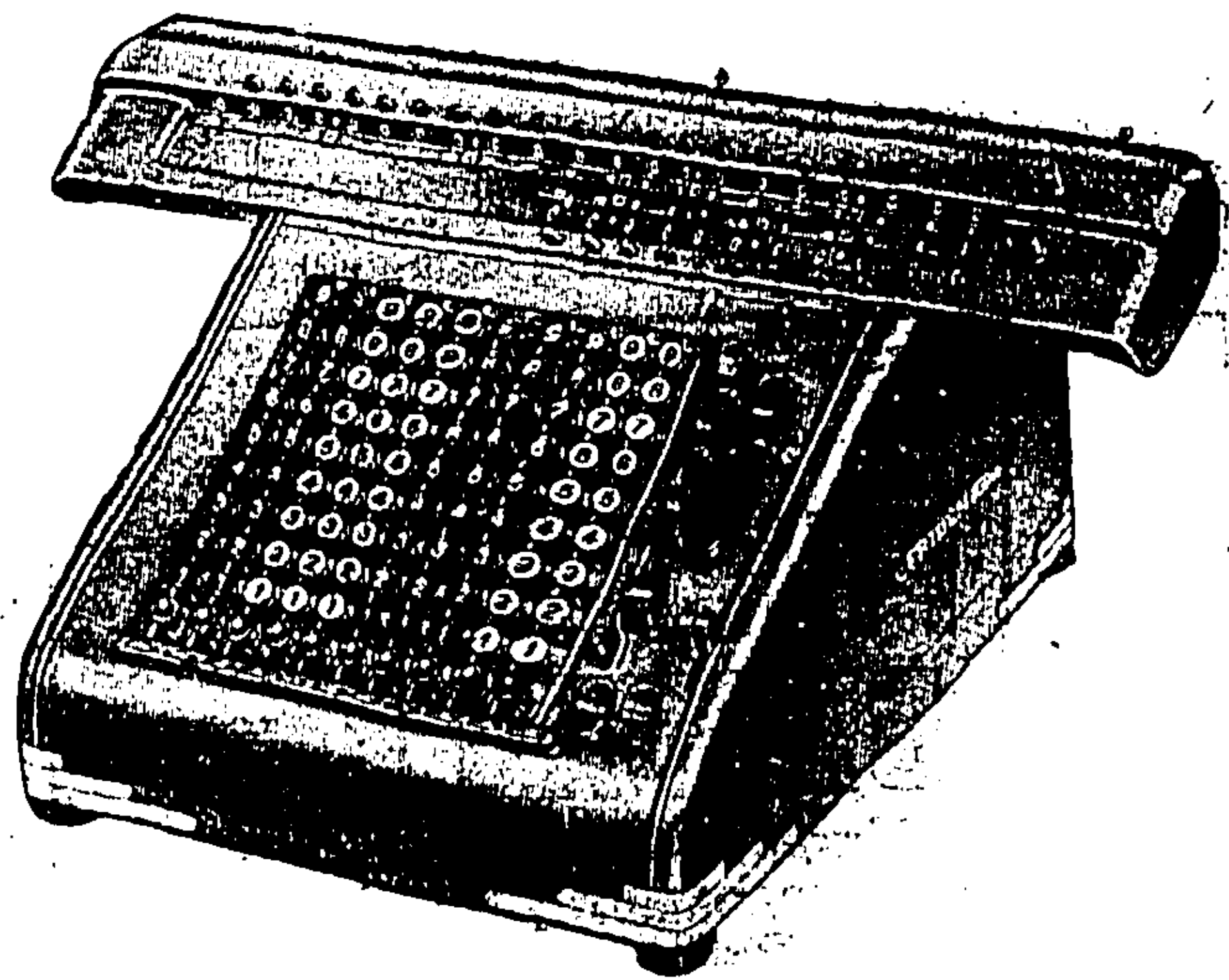
No R.A.F. 'planes are missing from these operations. —Reuter.

MACKENZIE KING FOR WASHINGTON

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, left Ottawa for Washington yesterday, says a Reuter cable.

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The point whether we should have completed the conquest of Libya by going through Tripoli, will be an argument even when the war is over, declares the military correspondent of the "Yorkshire Post."

Libya did not stand alone, however, as the Germans had decided to add Italy by entering on a Balkan campaign, while large forces were still engrossed in East Africa.

Our choice of action had to be made from the following:

First, accept the German challenge in the Balkans.

Second, a race against the races in Abyssinia to conquer the country and obtain the use of troops now there.

Third, concentrate on the two African campaigns and give the Germans a walk-over in the Balkans down to the Mediterranean.

The Right Thing

Had we decided on the third course, the Germans might now have been in Athens. We surely did the right thing in deciding on the first and taking a risk in Libya and adjusting matters there by quickly releasing troops after East Africa's conquest.

Such an adjustment was, and is possible, but had we let the German Balkans challenge go by the board, or hesitated to liquidate East Africa, recovery would have been hard work for a year or more ahead. Reuter.

BLIND BOY'S £600 DAY

A blind boy, Jonathan Fisher, who lives with his father at Grange Farm, Ivegill, near Carlisle, Cumberland, has collected £611 in one day for the local War Weapons Week.

Led by his sheepdog, Jonathan set out on a bitterly cold day to collect money.

Jonathan and his dog hiked over hills and dales, calling upon farmers, labourers in the fields and cottagers' wives.

Returning home he added up his money and made out a neat account in Braille. Next morning he presented the £611 to Mrs. Bryson, village schoolmistress, who is treasurer of the Saving-Fund.

B.B.C. KEEPS YOUNG MEN

Ninety-five members of the B.B.C. staff under the reserved age of thirty have been granted temporary deferment.

The Minister of Labour said that in Parliament. He was not aware, he added, that the B.B.C. engaged men registered for military service, who then received exemption.

He had decided to continue reservation of man power for the distributive food trade to the greatest possible extent. People in these and other trades must recognise that the training of other people must go on.

They should not leave their problem until the actual call-up.

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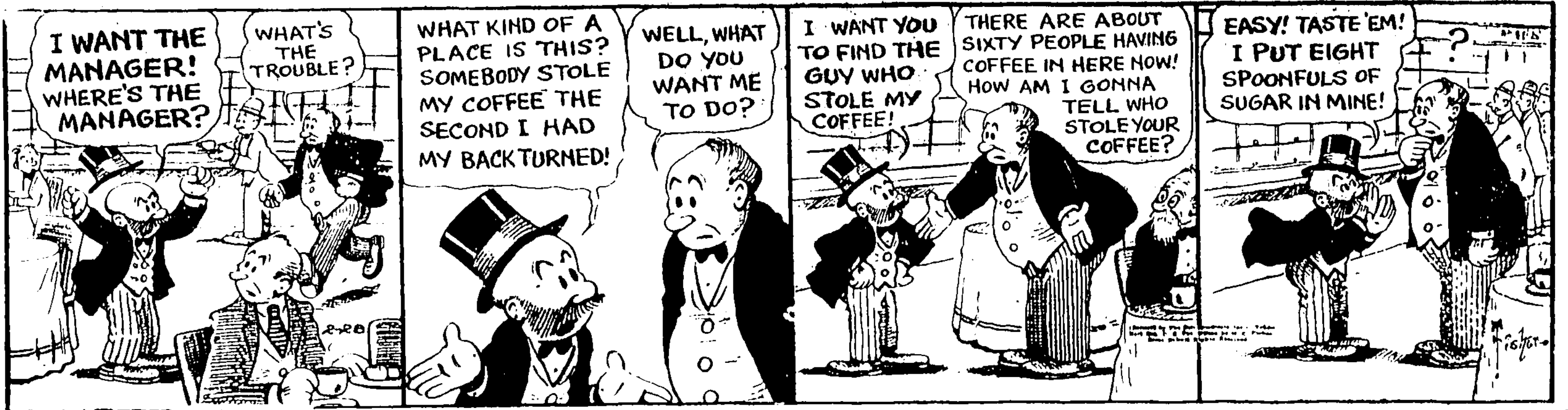
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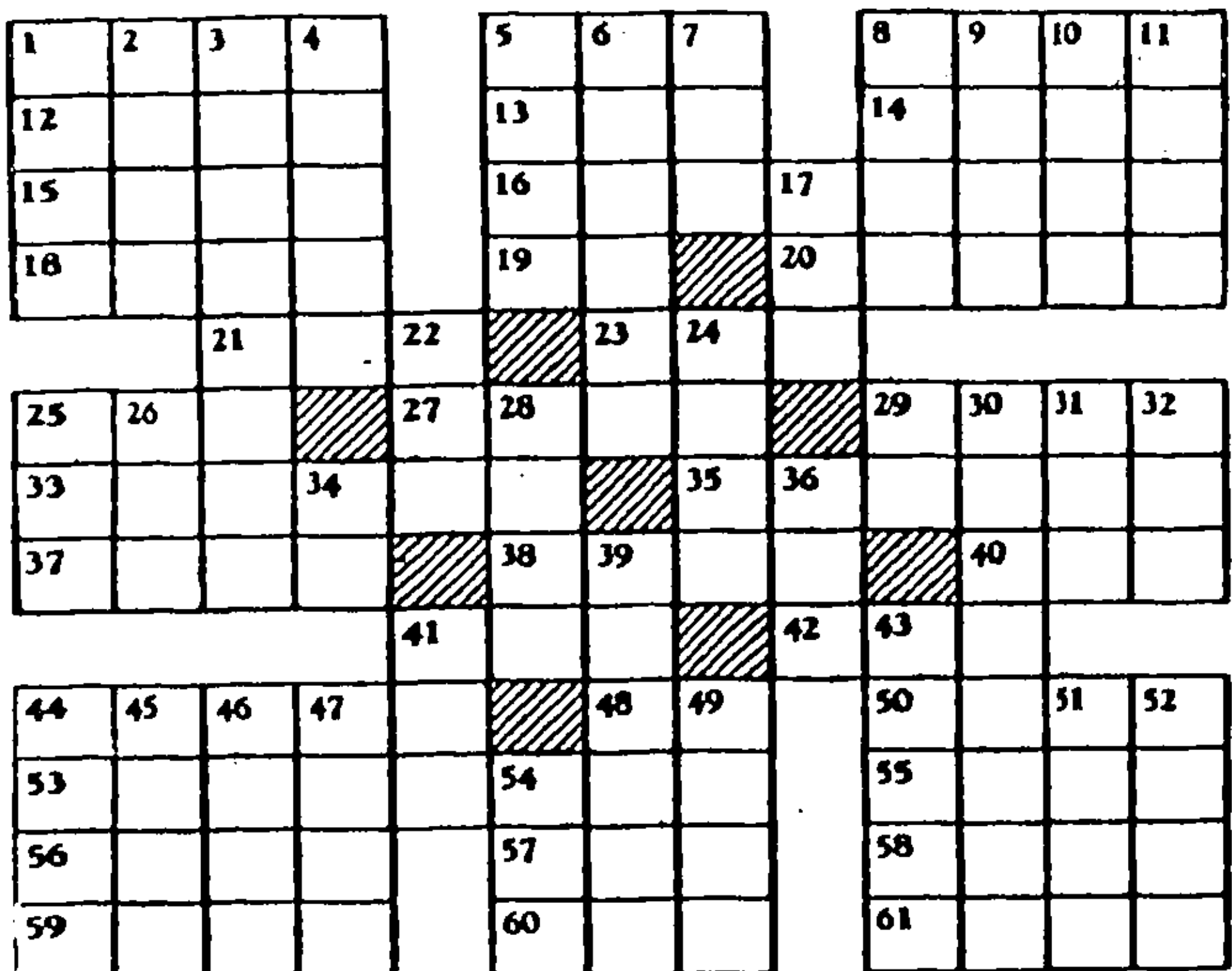
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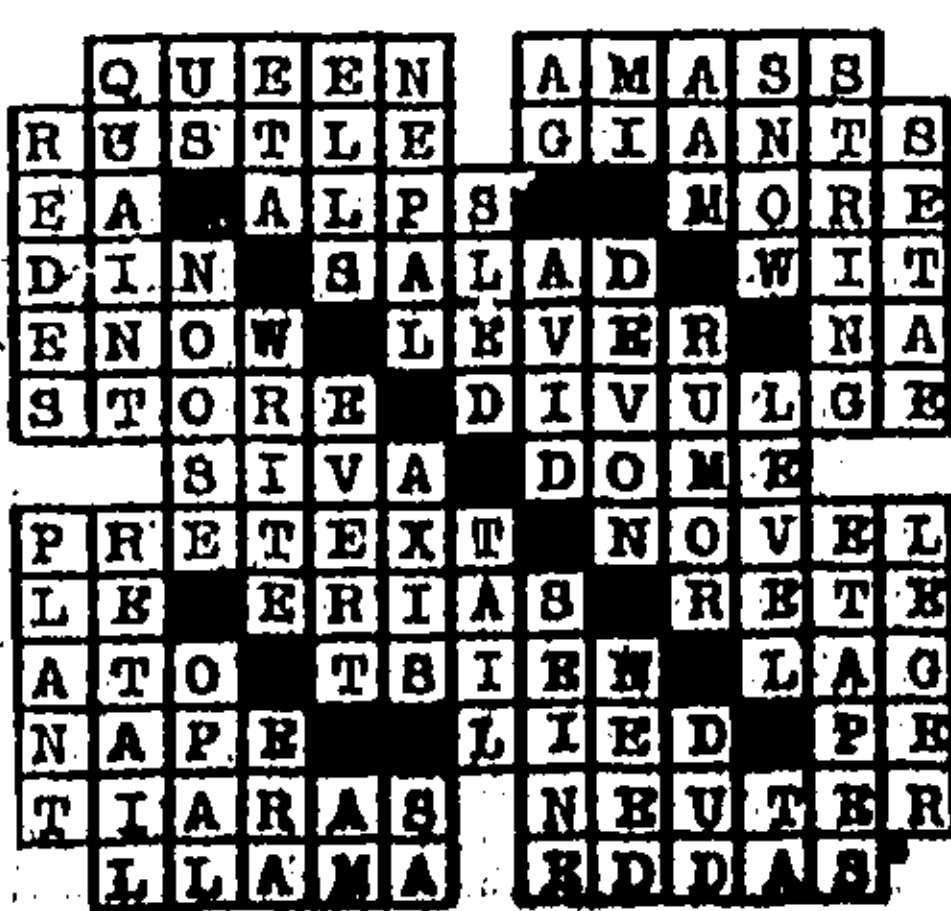
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- 1 California rockfish
- 2 River in England
- 3 Five-sided figure
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- 32 Bitter vetch
- 34 European fish
- 36 Employ
- 39 Ascended
- 41 Shade tree
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- 44 A distance
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- 47 To grant the temporary use of
- 49 To remain
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- 52 Sweet potatoes
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



SIR DELVES BROUGHTON COMMITTED

Sir Delves Broughton was committed for trial in Nairobi yesterday on a charge of murdering the Earl of Erroll.—Reuter.

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Shanghai has always been a hunting ground for opportunists, adventurers and speculators, but the idea of feeding a person with only one "stop-hunger pill" so that he or she will not feel hungry throughout the day, should strike any one in these days of high cost of living as a timely invention. The inventor, a Chinese, may be an opportunist or a speculator or both, but the fact that he has inserted an advertisement of his new invention in one of the leading Chinese dailies on the local news page indicates that he is doing much more than merely injecting humour into the present serious food situation here.

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He does not explain his invention in terms of vitamins, but he claims that this is a most nourishing food, which was used by the Chinese military in ancient times and those ancients who retired to the mountains. Using the original prescription, he claims, his "yuen" has been examined by well known doctors of to-day who have testified to its richness in nourishment. Nor does he take the trouble of explaining the contents of his medicine but he says that it is substantially the same as the new medicine such as the one used by German parachute troops. He has tested his invention many times and is making it in a wholesale way. He does not wish to make a big profit but appeals to philanthropists for help to the poor. Public-spirited people are asked to buy his pills for distribution among the poor.

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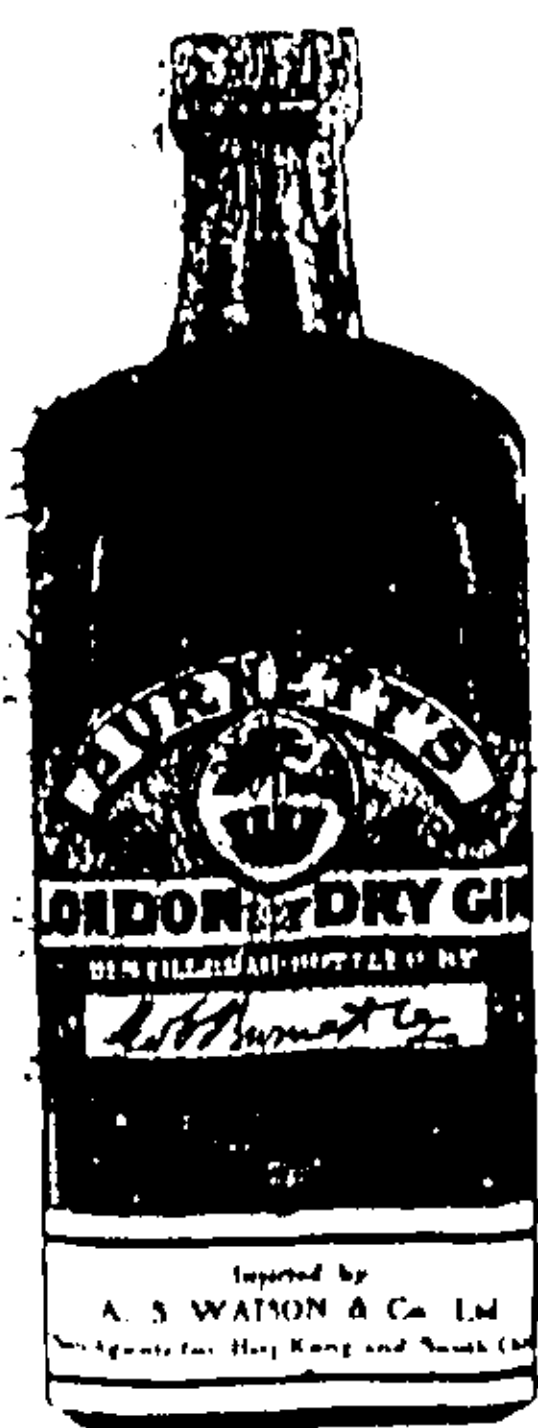
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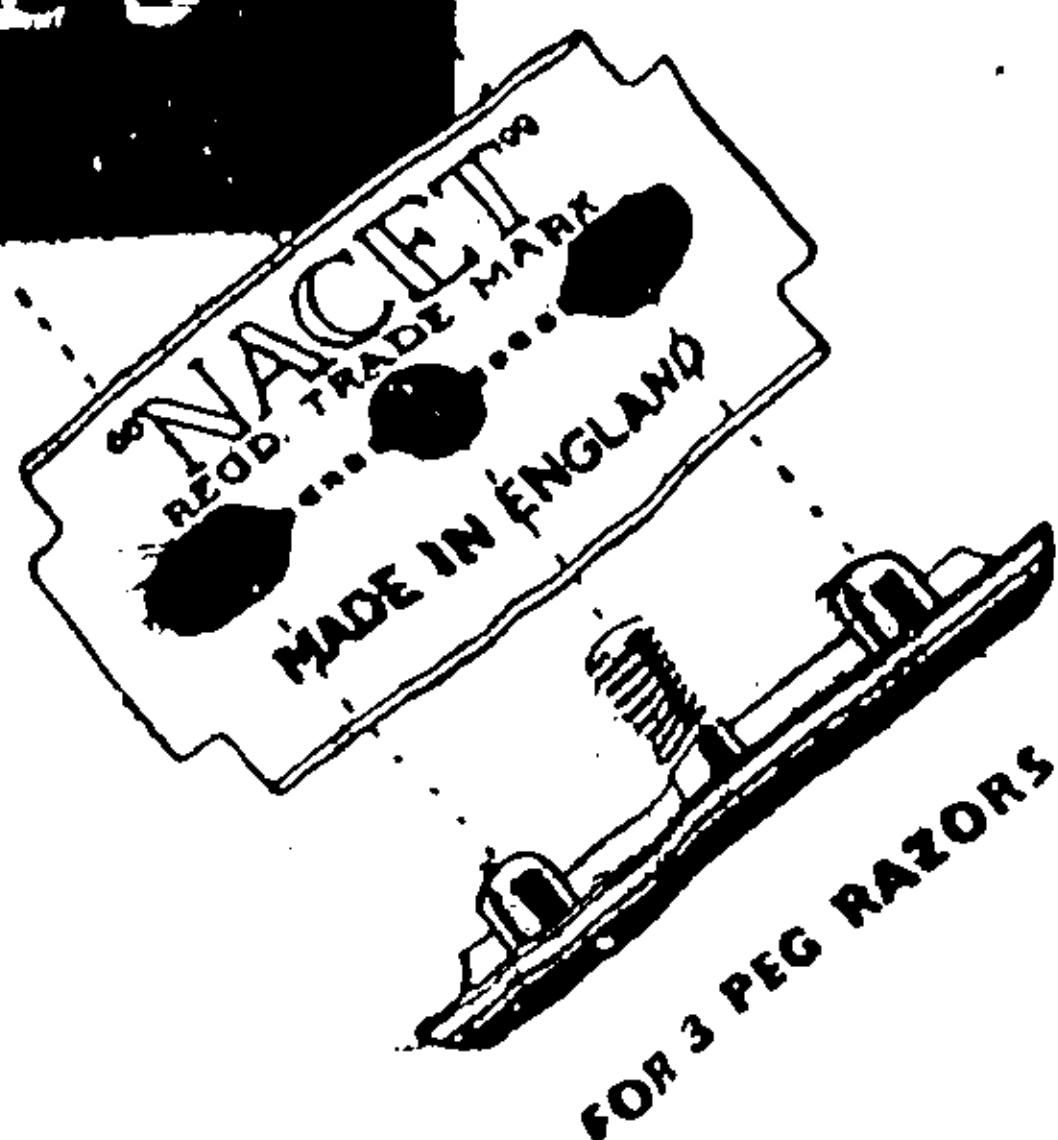
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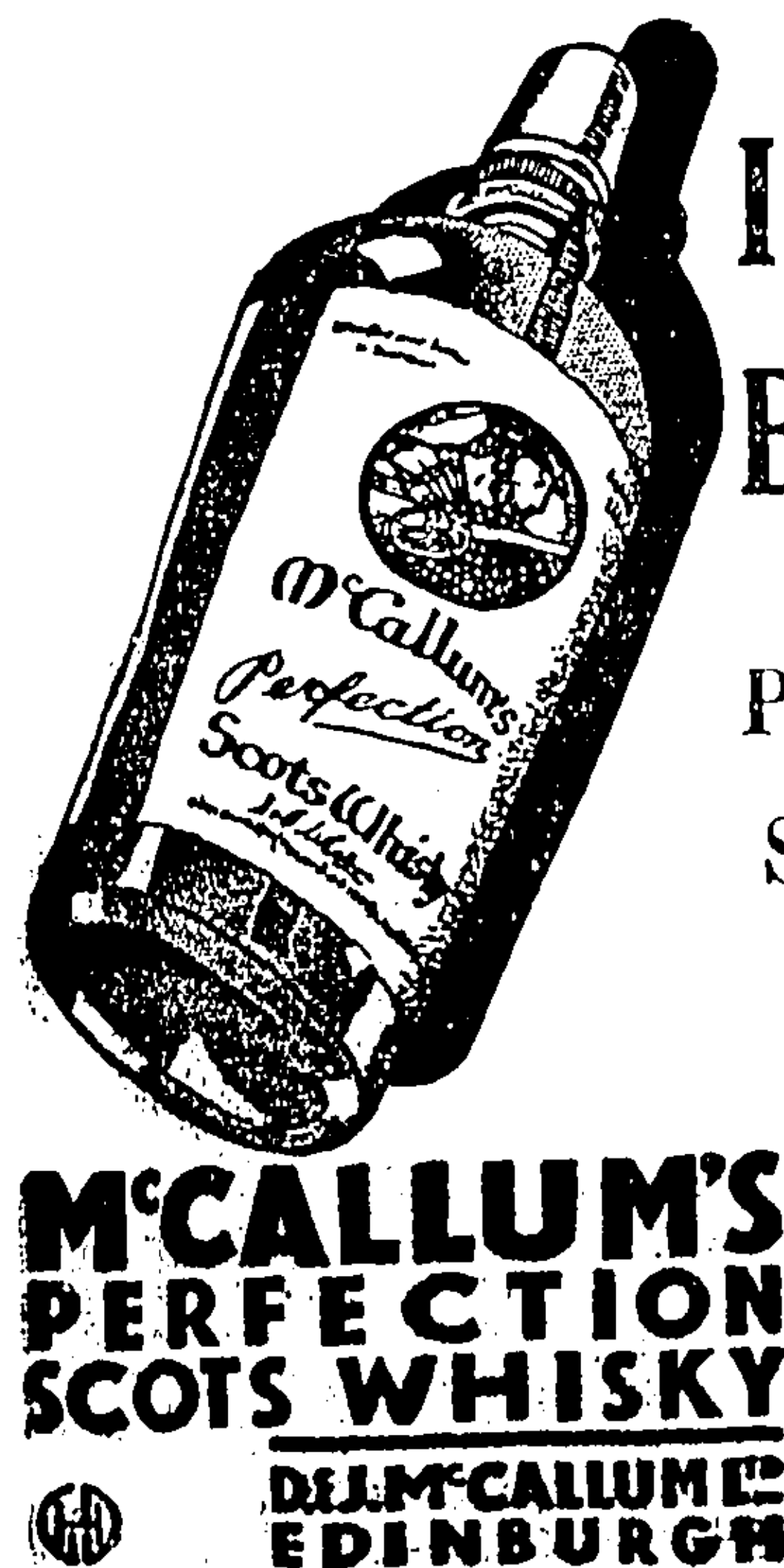
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JAPAN'S "WAR OF NERVES" EASES

TOKYO KNOWS AMERICA WILL FIGHT

(This is the first of several uncensored articles appearing in the "Manila Bulletin" on the Pacific "war of nerves" as seen from within Japan by an American observer).

JAPAN TO-DAY is seeking an "honourable" escape from the international swamp into which irresponsible officers in China and other army extremists have led her.

The "war of nerves" has ceased considerably within Japan because officials have backed down from their previous challenging attitude toward the United States.

But the danger has not been eliminated—possibly it has not even been lessened—that war or revolution alone can solve the multitude of problems which daily grow larger around the patient, bewildered people of the archipelago.

High ranking Japanese army and navy officers finally are convinced that the United States will fight to protect what they consider inconsequential rights in the Far East. America's recent policies in the Orient have been sufficiently strong to impress some of the short-sighted army extremists who are responsive to only one appeal: force.

Their support has enabled the more intelligent navy to convince the high command that at least a temporary halt must be enforced on actions calculated to over-excite the "excitable Americans."

Prior to Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka's European junket, the high command decided to restrict its "power politics" for the moment to Great Britain's Far Eastern possessions and, of course, French Indo-China, Thailand and the Dutch East Indies.

Reason Plain

Even the problem of the East Indies—the key to Japan's aims—has been softpedaled recently, despite the discouraging prolongation of current economic negotiations. The reason is plain: The United States has identified herself too clearly with the future freedom of Batavia.

The Japanese are less reluctant to move against Britain because they believe her to be too weak to care much about the Far East. Furthermore, the high command hopes to test by this relatively safer approach whether Washington is actually prepared for large-scale hostilities.

Japanese policies are within the framework of a long-range dream but they are acutely responsive to international developments. The high command is not yet convinced that the United States is prepared to fight for Britain's Far Eastern possessions. They classify numerous statements to this effect as mere propaganda.

Anti-British Campaign

The anti-British campaign, as a temporary means of postponing decision on the fundamental question of war with the United States, is typically Japanese. It enables them to impress their people with greater strides toward the "East Asiatic co-prosperity sphere." They can strengthen their position in the event a move against the East Indies becomes inevitable. And, they hope, it may allay some of America's "stubbornness" which has been apparent, even through the censored Japanese press.

Whether the campaign is accelerated or muted depends largely upon what Matsuoka brings back from Europe—whether instructions from Germany or the conviction that Japan is in danger of duplicating Italy's folly. They latter observation, which some Japanese are beginning to see, may be uppermost in the foreign minister's mind after the Yugoslavia crisis and Britain's latest victory in the Mediterranean.

Oil Supplies

Foremost among the forces driving Japan southward is the widely held belief, in Japan, that she must do so in order to

insure her national life. The strategic element in this situation is oil.

The United States, by its power to embargo oil, holds a headman's axe over Japan. The East Indies provide her only other source for fuel in sufficient quantities and of sufficient high-content to run her war machine. Japan lacks the foreign money necessary to purchase East Indian petroleum even if the Dutch were willing to sell unlimited quantities.

A satisfactory commercial agreement might have been possible between Batavia and Tokyo if, at the outset of negotiations, the Japanese had proceeded cautiously. The Dutch were willing to grant concessions, possibly against American and British advice, in order to insure peace. But the Japanese duplicated many of their previous diplomatic blunders by insisting that politics—meaning Japan's "rights"—be considered simultaneously with economic matters. Now the Dutch are wary. With more active American and British support, they are demanding cash on the barrel head.

False Hopes

Fed repeatedly on false hopes and long sick of the China affair, the rank and file of Japanese have new and dangerous faith in the emergence of the "co-prosperity sphere."

At the outset of the current "emergency period," beginning with the Manchurian incident of 1931, they were regaled with the dream of a "yen-bloc" which would alleviate the ills of a scanty group of islands where many raw materials were lacking. The government finally admitted, last April, that what they sought—what thousands of Japanese had died for—was not within that area.

The "co-prosperity sphere" was elaborated by politicians. The people still have faith in it—a faith that might produce unpleasant domestic repercussions if Japan falls short of her goal. The fishermen and shopkeepers have endured hardship and personal loss for too long without tangible reward, beyond platitudinous government statements which now are falling flat. Even the patient Japanese can reach the breaking point, as has been demonstrated repeatedly by their stormy internal history.

NAZI GENERAL KILLED

General Roettig, a German officer, has been killed during a clash between Polish armed bands and German police.

There has been serious fighting with armed bands of Polish soldiers in hiding, says "Deutsche Rundschau."

LURED BY GLAMOUR

A man whose wife, a mannequin, was "carried away by glamour" was awarded a decree nisi and £1,500 damages and costs in the Divorce Court.

"A man of very considerable means," was counsel's description of Mr. Charles Lee, partner in a firm of metal brokers, cited as co-respondent by Mr. Philip Henry Riseley, of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, who alleged misconduct by his wife, Eleanor Mary Maxwell, nee Best, with Mr. Lee.

"Carried Away"

The suit was not defended except on the issue of damages.

Mr. and Mrs. Riseley, who lived at Newton-mansions, Queen's Club-gardens, S. W., have one child.

Mr. Riseley's case was that the marriage, in 1935, was an ideally happy one until August, 1938, when his wife and he went to Brittany for a holiday and met Mr. Lee.

Afterwards Mrs. Riseley said she was in love with Mr. Lee and was going to live with him. In 1938 she left her husband.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Hodson said the husband was of moderate means, and his wife, said to be tall, attractive and fond of gaiety, worked as a mannequin.

When the wife met Mr. Lee she seemed to have been carried away by the glamour he was able to give out.

TEACHERS MUST BE OVER 40

SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT Britain are finding great difficulty in getting men teachers. Science and mathematic masters for public, grammar and secondary schools have long been at a premium. There is even a shortage of private tutors in these subjects.

Now there is a shortage of men teachers. Science and mathematic masters for public, grammar and secondary schools have long been at a premium. There is even a shortage of private tutors in these subjects.

Where the Burnham Scale of payment is in operation, many of these men called for retirement are entitled to ask for a considerable increase above the Burnham minimum for every year of "recognised" teaching, which means that although they

may not have worked for some time, they will be better paid than younger teachers. In anticipation of a big call-up some headmasters are already stipulating applicants must be over 40. There are plenty of women quite competent to teach science, mathematics and classics, but few headmasters are prepared to employ them to teach boys.

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NEUTRALITY PACT

Mr. Matsuoka went for a non-aggression treaty and is returning, thankful to have anything at all, with a neutrality pact. Those are the facts, and they seem simple enough until an attempt is made to adjust them to the wider international situation. The complexity of that riddle is best indicated by the widely varying opinions on the significance of the agreement. No two commentators agree on all points. Difficulty seems also to be experienced in all commentators agreeing on any one point.

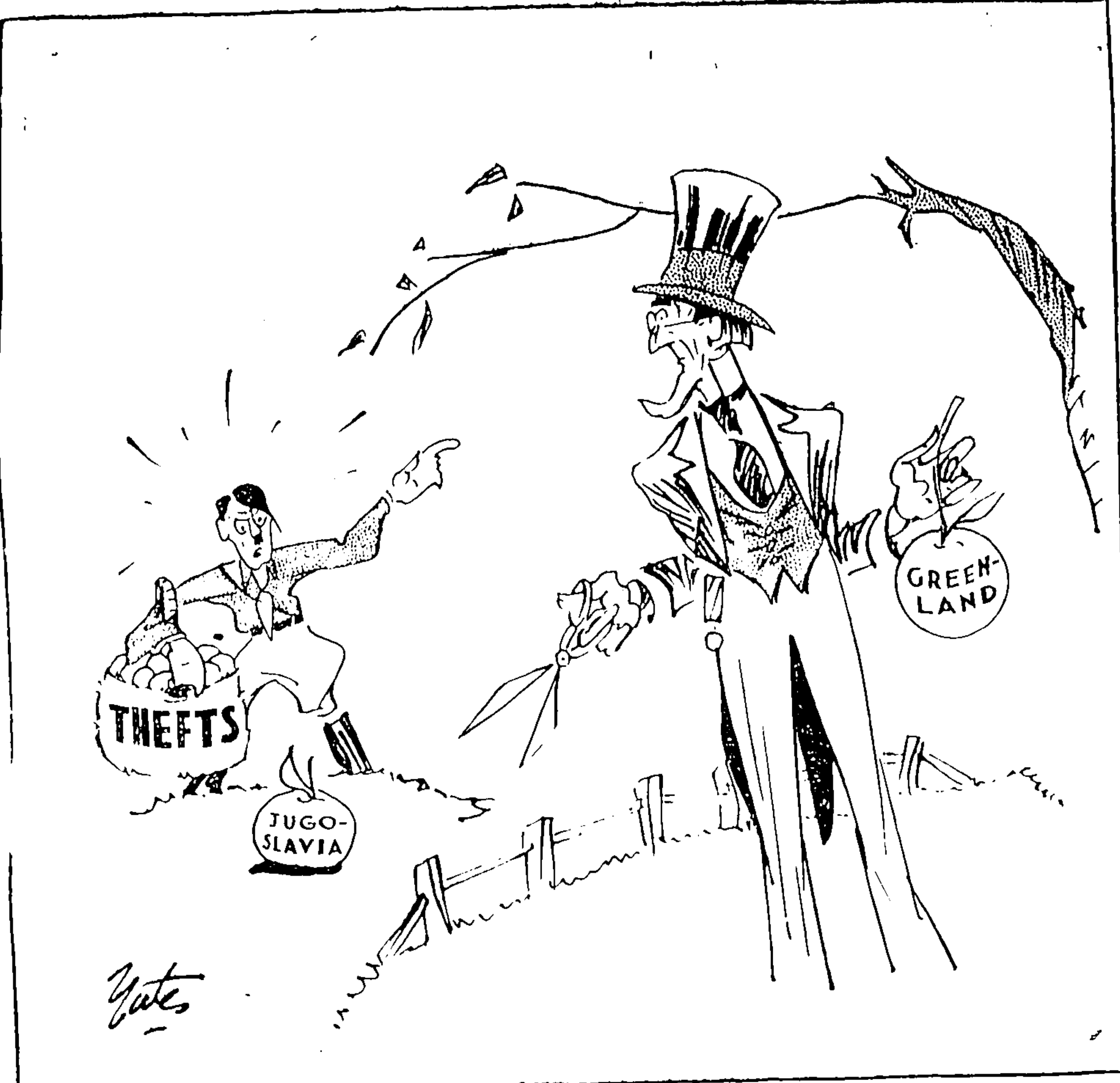
It is, nevertheless, extremely doubtful whether the Nazi hierarchy can find anything in the agreement to give satisfaction. The one factor which must have been ever-present in the minds of Mr. Matsuoka and M. Stalin when the text was being discussed was the existence of a military alliance between Germany and Japan. Yet Japan has accepted the role of neutral in any conflict in which Russia may find herself defensively engaged. Fresh from a survey of Axis might and resources, Mr. Matsuoka openly and heavily discounts the strength of the tie between Tokyo and Berlin.

Out of the pact, on the face of it, both countries secure new liberties of action, with a strong suggestion that both are likewise playing for safety. Pact values these days, however, are purely relative, and the most relevant issue in this case is the great imponderable: the degree of faith placed by either in the other's signature.

NAZI TACTICS

The device of broadcasting false news to create confusion and depression is an old German trick and it is being exploited to the full in the Balkans.

Three days ago, it may be recalled, the German High Command was credited with an official communique announcing the fall of Larissa, a report since exposed as a grotesque invention. On Monday night, they were insistently alleging that King Peter of Yugoslavia had fled to Athens on his way to London, that scores of transports were on their way to Athens to evacuate the British Expeditionary Force and that British troops were evacuating Tobruk. There was not, of course, the slightest foundation for



HI! THAT'S ILLEGAL!

All Fire Fighters Are Heroes

Poplar, which I visited first on my fire tour, is one of the most bombed areas in London. But the more bombing they get there, the keener the people are in tackling their problems.

A full quota of incendiary bombs has fallen in the district, but, thanks to the foresight of the Council, who sought and quickly got the cooperation of the people, the potential danger of these "fireworks" was considerably reduced.

Before the blitz started they had 210 fire parties, and in September the number of volunteers had risen to over 2,000. To-day they are the most completely organised fire-watching and fighting units in the country.

Plan For Week

And what enthusiasm! I dropped in at the local "headquarters" of a group to find . . . there must have been 50 of them. Sitting on chairs, cushions, settees and table corners in the home of Mrs. Brunskill, who doesn't seem to mind how they use her furniture so long as they get on with the job.

Her husband, a Port of London Authority worker, is a "big noise" in this sector, and with Councillor J. Ashley carries out the administrative side of the "business."

A mixed crowd. No time to get to their homes for a wash or food; they had come straight to Mrs. Brunskill's parlour for their weekly meeting.

There sat the secretary and chairman, taking reports from the watchers (and how thorough they were!) and making plans for the next week's rota.

Around the table were a win-

any of these reports, unless the arrival of transports carrying additional reinforcements for Greece could be so interpreted!

The only safe course these days when the war of the ether is scarcely less carefully organised than military operations, is to believe nothing, until it bears an official stamp from the Allied side.

man, he's the secretary, store-keeper, taxidriver, hopkeeper, painter's labourer, plumber's improver, fish porter, father and son linked in the building trade, and another family combination of timber foreman and milkman. Behind the seated secretary and chairman were four 16-year-olds, who act as messengers in raids.

Well, these men, as you can guess, do their eight, ten and 12 hours a day before they have the chance of thinking about the night's "work" on the roof and in the streets. Yet, believe me,

By William Gibbons

they put in eight-hour shifts on their fire spotting. That surely must be something of a record. "It has its advantage," one told me. "You see, we haven't to dress to go to work. We're all ready."

I went on the roof with the spotters, who are armed with a hooter (a railway platelayer's horn). Their job is to watch the "fun" above and when they see any incendiaries to blow the horn and shout a message down to one of the "boys," who races to the nearest post.

When there's an alert the men can use a shed in a back garden that has been fitted with a stove and there's refreshment provided from a fund contributed by residents.

Competition

A chat in the "local," the proprietor of which has offered one of her larger rooms for meetings and recreation, and then a look around the various groups.

Councillor Ashley, I gathered, knows something about news. "Now here's a little item for you," he says to me, as we walked through a street that had been completely evacuated. "At that house you see a pail of water. Well, the woman who lived in the house is now a couple of streets away, but regularly she comes along and replenishes that pail with either water or sand! Can you beat it?"

All the women volunteers, he told me, had been instructed in the use of stirrup pumps and sand bags, etc. "But the men are so keen that they won't let the women come in on it," Mr. Ashley said.

I felt it was a night well spent. I had an insight into the real character of these men, who mean sure their contribution to the war effort in their strength and labours.

In Belgravia

On the following night I went to Eaton-square, in Belgravia, to the homes of people you and I rank as the rich "upper ten." What are they doing? Are they pulling their weight?

I soon found the answer. I dined with Major H. Cunningham Brodie and his wife in the quiet dignity and comfort of one of the few houses in that area that does not bear marks of bomb blasting.

The butler served dinner — all within ration restriction, let me say, even if enhanced by a professional cook—and disappeared.

He, like his employer, had other duties to perform. He is a member of a fire-watching squad and, one task over, he undertakes another more perilous out in a raid.

Major Brodie showed me the real meaning of adaptability. Partner in a firm of colonial merchants, he is a member of the Cavalry, City of London, and Hurlingham clubs. That, you would say, indicates affluence. Yes. But it is all shed to-day. He is a post warden and has done much in organising fire-watching parties in his district.

He went out in the raid to see what was going on in the crypt of St. Peter's Church, where Prebendary Austin Thompson "houses" evacuated people.

Here was the perfect example of the deep shelter. Equipped with bunks, these people, of various nationalities, find blessed sleep and rest after the torments of bombing.

Back in her house, Mrs. Brodie — she is the daughter of the late Sir Robert Hart, former Inspector General of Chinese Customs in China — sat knitting in pursuit of her war effort. She is a member of a group who supply all kinds of knitting and needle work — hospital bandages, doctors' and nurses' masks, and clothing for bombed-out people.

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STRENGTHENING OF Gibraltar's defences has included extensive tunneling work, it was revealed in London by a mining engineer who supervised one phase of construction to make the fortress more invulnerable.

The expert in directing underground jobs is a Canadian, Major Colin Campbell. Recently he has been supervising work in Britain. He directed construction of a hospital cut out of deep English rock and chalk. The institution was made gas-proof and fitted with heating and air conditioning equipment.

However, Major Campbell said the Gibraltar job was the most interesting.

"In the great rock," he explained, "there are tunnels extending over 2,000 miles. The Moors started them and we ran across underground passages, hewn by hand by Spaniards and British."

"Gibraltar Is Solid"

"There is still a lot of good rock left," he said. "Gibraltar is solid."

Discussing underground establishment in general, Major Campbell said machinery is available to permit constructing vast storehouses that could protect food, records and valuables while still providing working space for business concerns. Small towns could be planned and excavated, he said.

Engineers working with Major Campbell are from every Canadian province. The rank and file of his unit include what he called "a regular league of nations."

"I have fellows from every province," he declared. "I knew a lot of them before. Most of them worked for men I knew. We have Canadian-born Italians, a Dutchman, Swedes, Finns, Spaniards, and every Slav country is represented. There is an Australian who was working in the States, and one of my officers is a Canadian who was mining in Fiji who flew home to join up."

Glancing out of the window, Major Campbell pointed to some rolling downs.

"Those hills over there," he said, "are as easy to cut into as ice cream, would be as bomb-proof as the lowest level of Noranda, and can be completely gas-proof. We may have to do it yet."

Major Campbell explained the difference between his "outfit" and the usual army unit.

Canada Mining Work

"Our job is really to put at the disposal of the British army for war purposes, the expert knowledge and latest machinery used at the present time in Canada for mining work," he said. "The Gibraltar job was really incidental. We happened to be the people who could do it and so it fell to us. It is a long, difficult piece of work but just a regular mining job. Hard rock miners, such as I have with me, are worth their weight in gold as far as this kind of war work is concerned."

"In our work more than anything else we require that dash and vision—perhaps you might call it imagination. There is an essential quality in mining men."

Asked if he had been much hampered by red tape, Campbell smiled. "There are some men who are so keen about doing their job to the most infinitesimal detail that one might almost think they were paid by Germany. It is those sticklers, whichever part of the forces they are in, who are one of our greatest obstacles. However, General Andrew McNaughton has his own way with them."

It was from General McNaughton, who commands the 68th division, Canadian Overseas Force, that the real story of Major Campbell's unit was gathered. Although the general had met the former Ontario minister of public works when he was a member in the Ontario house, he knew him only casually.

Took Two Minutes

"I was looking for someone of character to organise some special engineering work, and consulted the Canadian Mining Association,"

General McNaughton said. "I had not much time on my hands so I flew to Toronto and met Campbell on arrival."

"It took me just two minutes to realise he was the man I wanted. I asked him to get the hard rock miners, then I made them a special section in the 12th field company, and had them go over in the first flight. With them were specialists in diamond drilling. Over here we could see the need ahead for such workmen and in my mind they were a unit that had to be fitted into our present army organisation. Campbell brought the nucleus to England, joined to the 48th Highlanders."

McNaughton mentioned that Campbell had been well known throughout mining circles and an authority before he enlisted in the ranks at the outbreak of war. Engineers who knew him quickly spotted him and had him placed on the regular course for commission. He passed quickly and became a second lieutenant in a field company.

Campbell told the story of his enlistment.

Too Valuable

Before war was declared he offered his services to Ian MacKenzie, then minister of militia and defence, but was told he was too valuable where he was. On the outbreak of the war he went to Stanley barracks and persuaded the colonel to take him in.

"Once I was in they could not kick me out," was his explanation.

"This is a grand job, interesting, exciting, useful, and keeps one busy thinking up new ways to solve old problems. I have a grand lot of men with me and no one wants to stop until the job is finished."

The tunneling company has the latest equipment. That is due to another of General McNaughton's brain-waves.

"We could not get the equipment in England," he said. "But the Ontario Mining Association came forward with the money to employ an expert, Perry Hall, who bought it for us in Canada. He was so successful the project attracted

ONE-NIGHT CASINOS IN WEST END

Ring Of Houses Being Used

Scotland Yard officers, detailed to track the night gambling parties in the West End, are keeping a watch on houses which are being used as accommodation casinos.

They want to establish an address where one of these gaming parties has been held more than once.

So far the promoters have been careful to keep within the law by using different premises every night so that no place could be said to be habitually used for gaming.

During the past few months there has been a big increase in these West End gambling parties. Complaints have been made that young Army officers have been tempted by "hostesses" to visit them and to speculate their money.

In most cases they lose substantial sums.

Must Return

The promoters always have some means of getting over the law, but the police believe that the number of houses available for one-night meetings is limited and that the time must come when one of them is used for a second time.

It is known by the police that big houses in the West End are being hired for the night.

In many cases the owners of the houses are well known. In some cases they have left London and allow their houses to be used by friends. They are invariably unaware of the purpose for which the houses are being used.

the attention of the inner circle of military authorities and was regularised, Perry Hall received a captain's commission.

"We have the mining men with technical knowledge and vision, the finest machinery turned out for the work," Campbell declared. "We could do any job they put up to us and when we speak of digging for victory we don't mind talking in a big way."

RADIO-PHONES FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

FOURTEEN STATIONS of the London fire fighting services will soon be able to transmit urgent orders by radio-telephone. Messages will be sent from headquarters to appliances speeding to a fire.

Home Office permission has been given for this use of radio in London and in urban areas with populations of 75,000 or more.

In urban areas, radio will give an additional means of alarm by a link up with patrol police, who will be able to operate on the same wavelength.

The London Fire Brigade are to have eight frequencies, one at the headquarters station on the Embankment, one at each of the six superintendent stations, and the headquarters station of the fire float flotilla.

Other London brigades to be equipped with wireless transmitters will be Ealing, Tottenham,

West Ham, Beckenham and Croydon.

A Condition

Outside the Metropolitan Police district the fire brigade radio-telephone service is to be shared with the local police force.

A reservation made by the Home Office is that unless the installation is capable of linking headquarters stations to the outlying stations, in case of a breakdown of land lines, there will be no Treasury grant towards the apparatus.

Before fire services outside the Metropolitan area install their apparatus they must consult with the local chief constable so that the installation is available for police duties if the force decide to adopt it.



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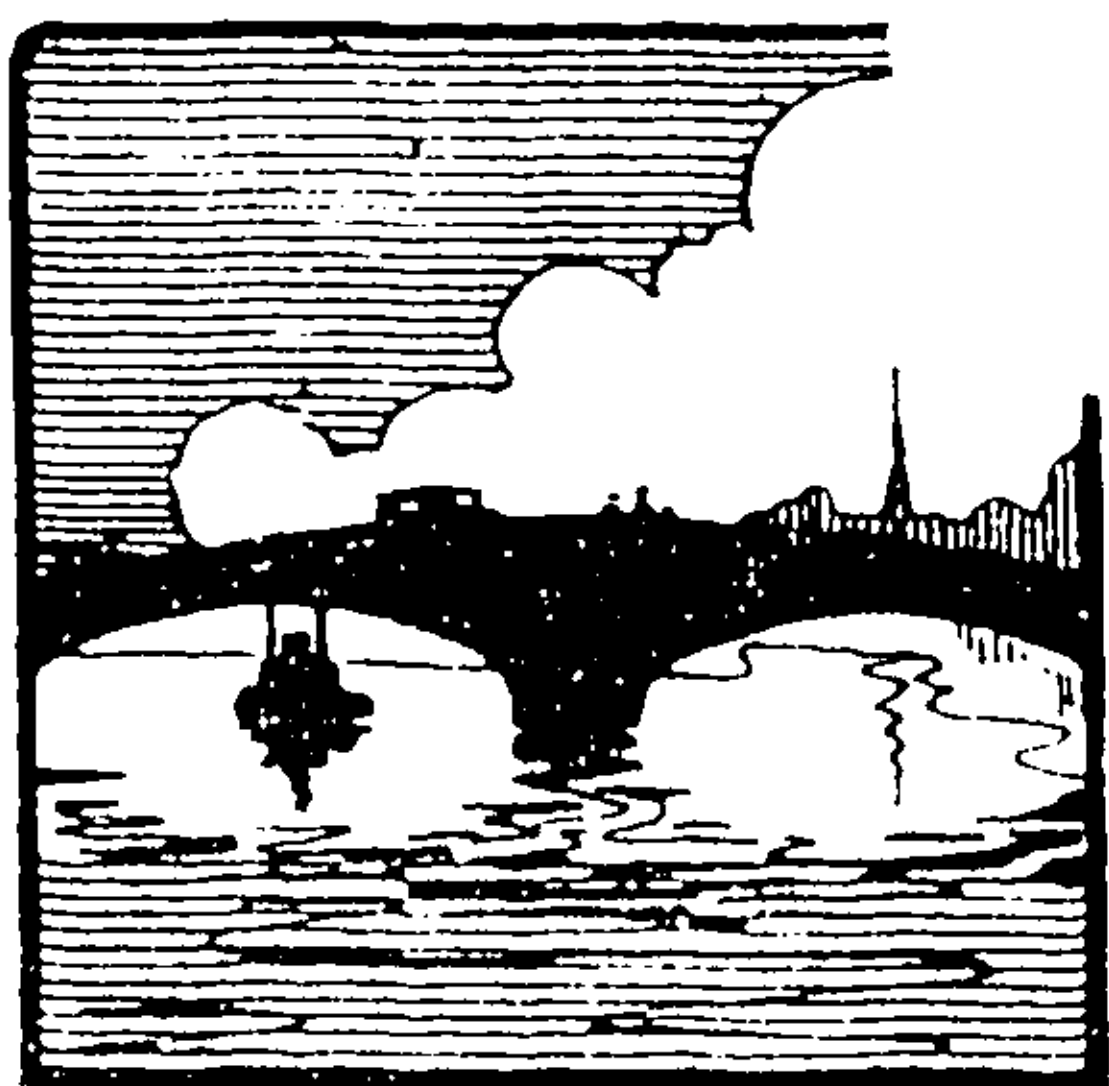
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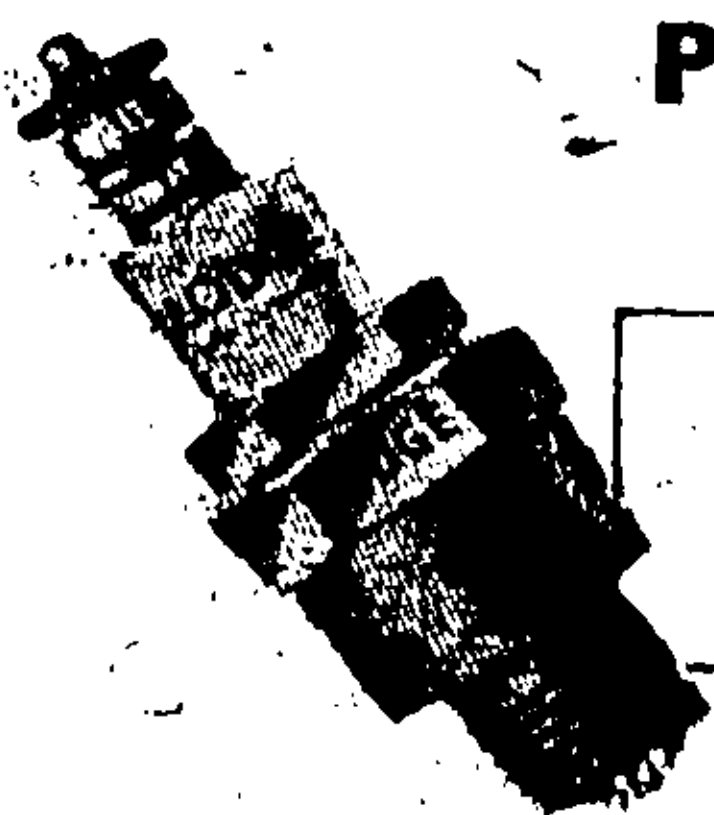
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GERMANS ADOPT A DARING LINE IN MENDACITY

WITH NEWS CHANNELS from Yugoslavia almost entirely under German control there is little reliable information regarding the course of fighting in the mountainous areas of southern Yugoslavia, and the Nazis' wireless services are being employed almost continuously for propaganda purposes.

Currency is given to rumours and reports designed to sap the fighting spirit of the Yugoslavs and to convince the world that resistance has been crushed.

These reports are of particular interest when considered in relation to the recent tactic adopted in the hope of alienating the loyalty of the Greeks.

The latter have been continuously told in recent broadcasts that they are being betrayed by the British who have been accused of atrocities against the Greeks, particularly against those whom the British assisted to escape from Salonika, and they are urged to help the Germans to trap the British in Greece.

One such broadcast said "Cut off the British retreat. Take away ships on which they intend to embark."

Daring Line In Mendacity

In yesterday's Nazi broadcasts even more daring line in mendacity was followed. After asserting as usual that resistance was in vain, Deutschlandsender and other stations put out utterly baseless reports that transports were assembled in Piraeus for the withdrawal of the British.

This story was improved upon by D.N.B. which in the evening announced that the British were already beginning to re-embark. In a final flight of fancy this report was transformed into a special announcement in the transmission for Africa from the Zecken wireless station, which stated: "The British Expeditionary Force is leaving Greece. Evacuation is taking place from various points along the Greek coast and at other points." — British Wireless.

FEWER JOBLESS

The number of men and boys registered at employment exchanges in Britain as wholly unemployed at March 17 was 172,660, a decrease of 44,873 as compared with February 10.

Of this total 36,402 had been classified as unsuitable for ordinary industrial employment.

Corresponding figures for women and girls at March 17 were 191,648 wholly unemployed, of whom 2,011 had been classified as unsuitable for ordinary industrial employment, 34,015 temporarily stopped and 919 unemployed casual workers.

As compared with February 10 the numbers of wholly unemployed showed a decrease of 39,781, those temporarily stopped a decrease of 10,803 and unemployed casual workers a decrease of 135. — British Wireless.

SPECIAL MILITARY BLACK-OUT

During the remainder of this week, all lights on military vehicles will be obscured or dimmed in accordance with the Black-out Order of 1940.

Drivers of public and private vehicles, on observing the approach of any military vehicle using restricted lighting, are requested to give every consideration to the difficult conditions under which the military personnel will be driving, and in order to reduce the risk of accident, should either dip or switch off their headlights.

TURKEY ON THE QUI VIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Turkish Government has begun large-scale recruiting among students at Istanbul University for a special corps of troops trained to combat parachutists.

This is the latest of a series of emergency measures to prepare for any eventuality which might transpire as a result of the German invasion of Yugoslavia and the occupation of Bulgaria.

Simultaneously it was learned in Istanbul that Germany this week is to conduct big naval and air manoeuvres off the Black Sea coasts of Rumania and Bulgaria and near Russia's Black Sea coast.

Twenty Nazi submarines, assembled at the Rumanian naval base of Constanza, will take part.

Meanwhile Turkish school-teachers have been ordered to abstain from travel in order to keep them easily available to help organise and lead evacuations of children in the event of war. — International News Service

NAZIS TOLD TO BOMB LIGHTS

DURING THE HEARING AT MIDDLESBROUGH OF A CHARGE OF SHOWING AN UNOBSERVED LIGHT, THE STIPENDIARY, MR. A. P. PEAKER, SAID GERMAN AIR CREWS HAD ORDERS TO DROP BOMBS WHEREVER THEY SAW A LIGHT.

"The other day I had a letter from a friend in the south who is in the Home Guard," he said. "They caught a German pilot who had come down and asked him why he had dropped bombs on the ridiculous place he had."

"The German told him their pilots had instructions that whenever they saw a light they should drop bombs."

NEW BARONET IS ACTOR

Mr. Gyles Isham, the thirty-seven-year-old actor, who played with Greta Garbo in the film "Anna Karenina," becomes Sir Gyles by the death of his father, Sir Vere Isham.

The new baronet is now serving in the Army.

DOCTORS' MEETING

The next General Meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association will be held at the Chinese Merchants Club on Friday at 8.30 p.m. when Dr. Lydia Felby will deliver an address on "The Prevention of Beri-Beri."

SEAPOWER WILL WIN

--Lord Halifax

Commenting on the war situation yesterday, Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, said "It has been necessary to withdraw from Libya to new positions, and although we have suffered loss in doing this we have made the enemy pay dearly for his advance."

Adding that a stream of reinforcements in men and material is steadily flowing into that theatre, Lord Halifax said this process was "greatly helped" by President Roosevelt's action in opening the Red Sea to American shipping.

Pointing out that the R.A.F. was an "incomparably more formidable instrument than even a few months ago," Lord Halifax continued,

"The history of the struggle at sea since war began gives every reason to believe that the strength of sea-power is undiminished and in the end will play the largest part in bringing down the pillars of the Nazi temple." — Reuter.

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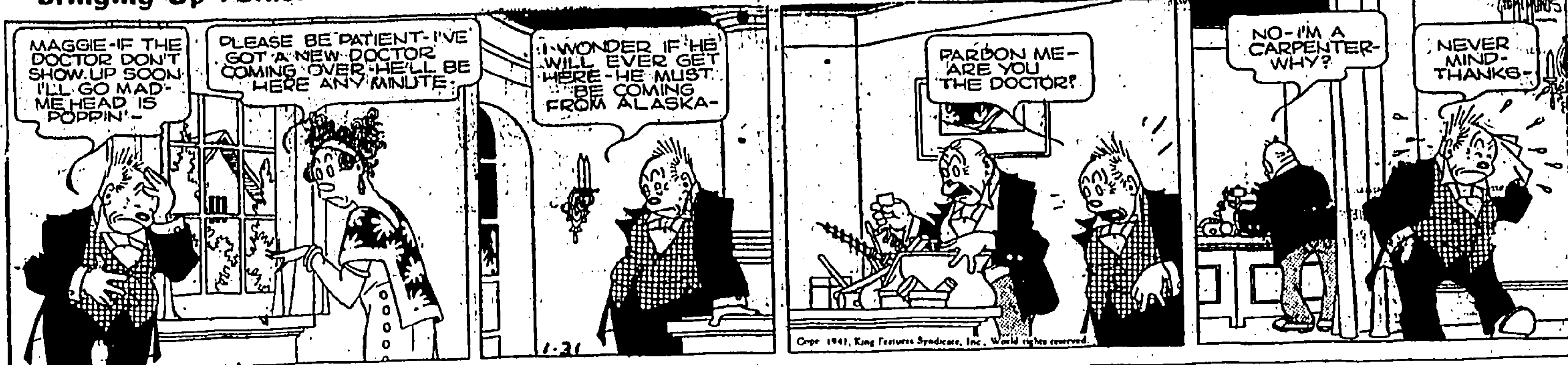
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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Exercise Routine Usually Includes Hip Bumping

Even thin girls, and under-weights, may have hips all out of proportion to the other body measurements. Too much sitting causes the buttocks to spread, and inactivity helps any excess weight to pad the hips and buttocks. Many girls who are quite normal in weight, will find they have an inch or more in hip measurement which they should not have if they desire perfect figures.

So hip exercises are ever popular—and particularly so in preparing when most of us begin to seriously refashion ourselves.

Unfortunately hip reducing exercises are the most strenuous of all and unless we tackle them with determination they will do little to beautify us.

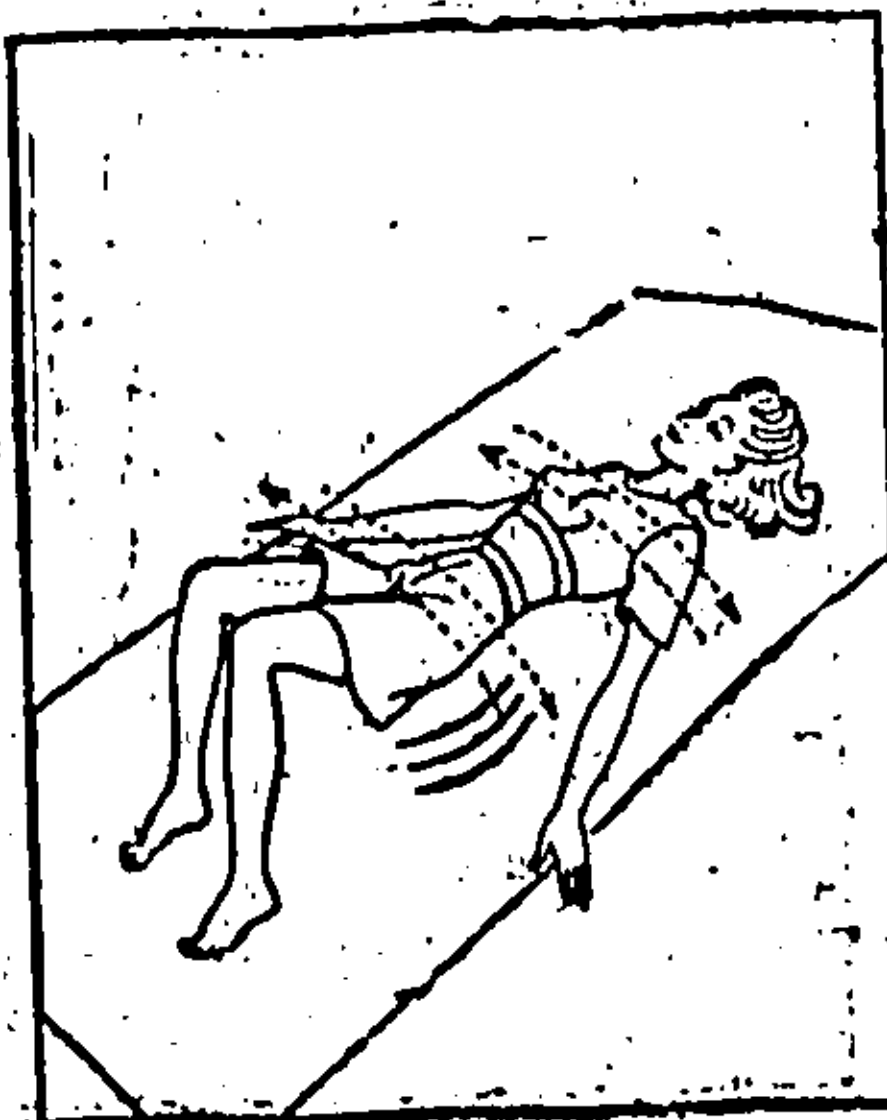
You must remember that any excess weight in this area was GRADUALLY accumulated—perhaps it took from seven months

to a year to make you conscious of bulges in the wrong places! So you cannot expect to whittle down those bulges in a week. It will take from four to ten weeks of daily, earnest exercising to get your hips proportioned once they have grown heavy.

To-day I'll give you two good exercises with which to start your whittling programme. Practice each ten minutes a day in a well-ventilated room, wearing shorts or a bathing suit which does not bind you as you work.



Exercise 1:—Lie on a mattress which has been placed on the floor, or on a regulation exercise mat. Lie on your left side with head on arm, and left hand grasping top of mattress. Your right hand is placed palm downward in front of your body for support. Now bend both knees and force hips in circular movement (see illustration) by sliding on fatty part of left buttock. Slide in as big a circle as you can and make your midriff muscles do the work. After a few moments relax, turn on other side and repeat exercise.



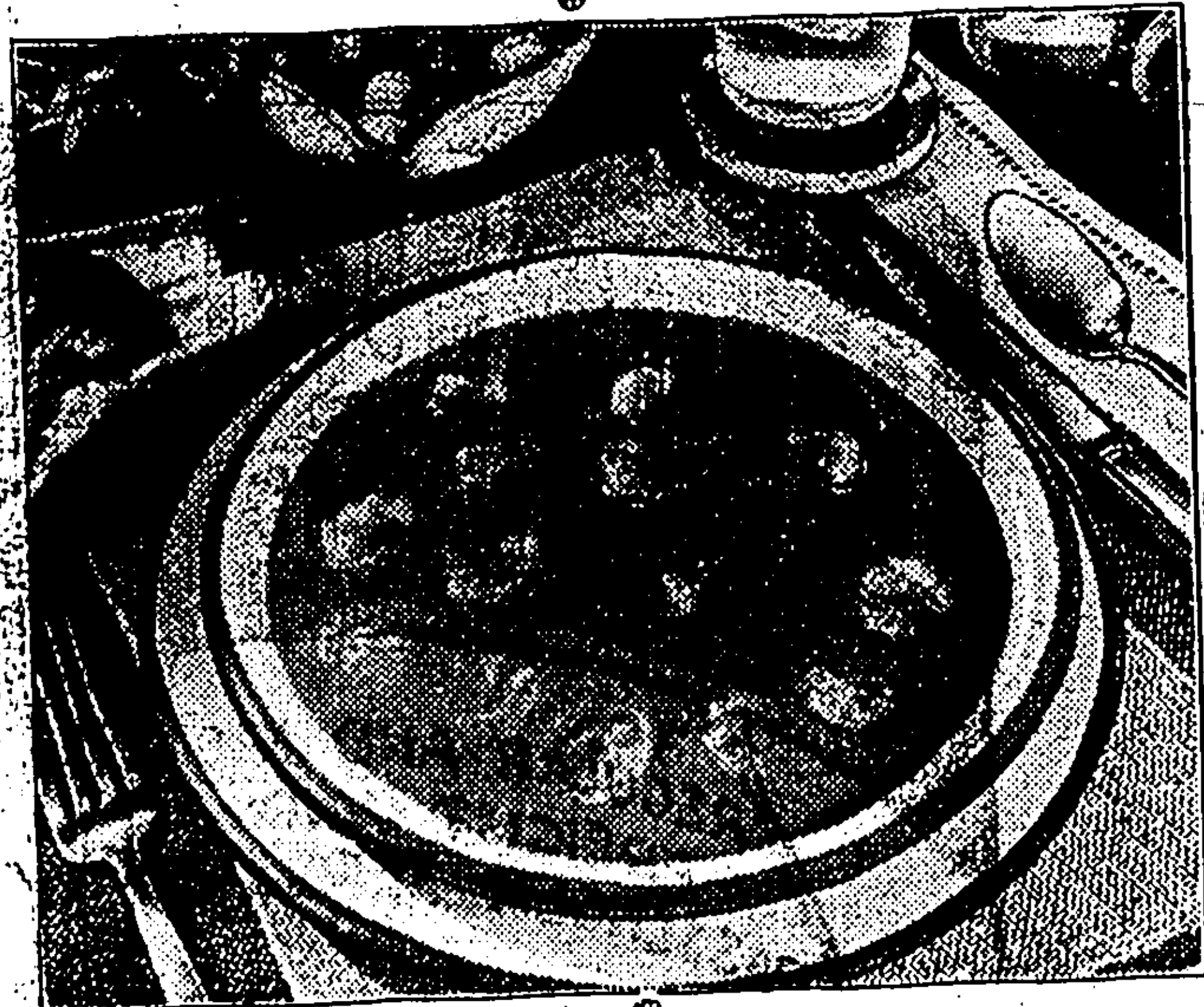
Now hold on to sides of mattress (it should be a firm mattress) and get into position illustrated above. Raise hips and come down on right buttock, raise again and come down on left buttock. Spank, spank, spank, spank, is the rhythm. The weight of your body falls on feet and shoulders. Again your midriff muscles do the work! Practice for five minutes, relax, repeat.

While you are lying in this position, raise your hips again and swing them in mid-air from right to left (they do not touch mattress this time). Your upper shoulders will get a deep massage by the mattress—this is good to reduce fatty portions of upper back and for strengthening the pectoral muscles.

SOUPS are comforting especially on raw, windy days

says Dorothy Greig

WHEN the members of the family stomp in wind blown and "half starved", that's the time to cheer them with big steaming platefuls of hot soup. What warm comfort it spreads and how satisfying to clamorous appetites.



Shrimp Supreme is substantial enough to be the main dish of a light meal.

There are various types of soup, each good at its own job. The thin clear soups, for instance, are stimulating send-offs for the more substantial foods to follow.

Stout soups filled with meat and vegetables are a real part of the meal itself. In fact, they are often the main dish for lunch or supper.

Cream soups are smooth and usually bland in flavor. Highly nutritious, and because of the milk in them they are an especially good choice for children.

It's fun, too, to combine two or more flavors of canned soups, or take a single soup and add a few individual touches of your own. For instance, here is a soup which is a blending of three soups, and with shrimps added as well. It has wonderful flavor and is one of those soups that can be used as a main dish for a light meal.

Shrimp Supreme
1 can condensed pea soup
1 can condensed tomato soup
1 can condensed bouillon
1 cup milk
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup shrimps
3 tablespoons sherry

Stir the tomato soup into the pea soup. Then add the bouillon. Combine the milk and cream and add to

the soup with the shrimps (cut in small pieces). Heat to the boiling point and put in the sherry just before serving. Serves 6-8.

The man of the family will enjoy this soup:

Vegetable Soup, peasant style
1 can condensed vegetable soup
1 can condensed bean with bacon soup

2 cans water
Combine the soups. Add water and heat to boiling, then simmer 3-5 minutes. Serves 5-7.

And the next time you serve a thin soup try this one:

Hot Bouillon with Onion-Parmesan Rings

Onion-Parmesan Rings
6 slices onion (1/4 inch thick)
1 tablespoon butter
6 round slices toast
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Slice large onions in 1/4 inch slices. Cook the onion slices in butter on both sides until golden brown. Place each slice on a round piece of toast, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and heat under broiler or in hot oven.

Heat condensed bouillon or consommé with an equal quantity of water and serve 1 Onion-Parmesan Ring in each plate.

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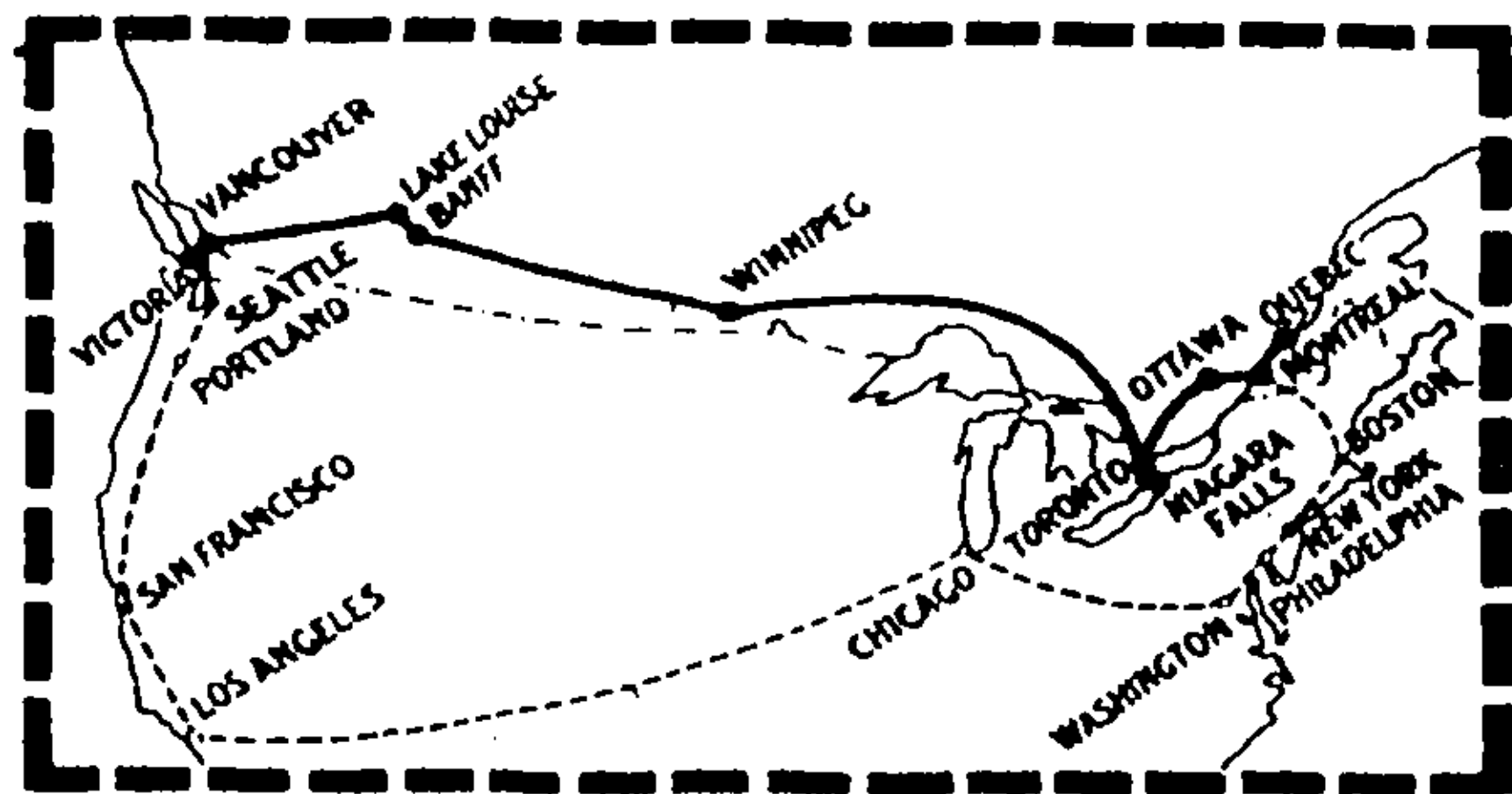
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Interces-
sion.

12.30 p.m.—Gerald & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—On The Sentimental
Side (film "Dr. Rhythm"). Fox-Trot
—My Heart is taking lessons (film
"Dr. Rhythm"). Tango—Moonlight
Kisses. Poema. Fox-Trot—It's
D'Lovely (from "The Fleet's lit
Up"). I Hadn't anyone till You.
Rumba—The Lady in Red (film "Il
Callente"). Quickstep—My Man
(film "Rose of Washington Square").
Waltz—There's Danger in the Waltz
(from "The Little Dog Laughed").

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—John Goss (Baritone) and
Cathedral Male Voice Quartet in Sea
Shanties.
Storm Along: Roll the Wood-Pile
Down: Nouse Irons A Valparaiso.
Scuamundi Sta Lampa. Sally
Brown: Hanging Johnny. Whisky
Johnny.

1.12 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
Love in Idleness—Serenade (Mac-
beth). Court Symphony Orch.
(Chinese Night Watch (Slide); Pe-
tersburg Sleigh-Ride Party (Ellen-
berg). Otto Dbrindt & His Con-
cert Orchestra. Bolero (Ravel);
Entrance of the Little Fauns
(Pierne). Jack Payne & His
B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and
Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal Long About Midnight (Hill).
Swing Is The Thing (from "Black-
birds of 1936"). The Mills Brothers.
(Four Boys and a Guitar). Banjo
Medley Intro. Is it true what they
say about Dixie. When a lady meets
a Gentleman down South. etc.
Tarrant Bailey with Orchestra
Vocal A Little Rumble in Spring
time With You (Saxony & Others).
Trust in Me (Ager & Others).
Greta Keller with Orchestra. Two
Pianos. Passepied. Intro. Scherz-
from "Gilda" (Debussy). Allene-
Leonhardt. Destiny. Waltz
(Baynes). Allene-Leonhardt.
Allene & Leonhardt Vocal Cata-
van (Ellington). The Mills
Brothers.

2.15 p.m.—Close down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.
Swing Fox-Trot. Melody in Riff.
Monotony. Eddie Carroll & His
Swing Music. Fox-Trot The Lady
on the Second Floor. Quickstep.
It's In The Air (from the film).
Brian Lawrence & His Lansdowne
Orchestra. Fox-Trot Wings over
the Navy (from the film). The Old
Tin Helmet. The Organ. The
Dance Band and Me. Waltzes.
Charmanne. What'll I Do. Jose-
phine Bradley & Her Ballroom Or-
chestra. Fox-Trot I Can't Get You
Out Of My Mind. Harry Roy &
His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"From the
Old Country". Talk by Bernard
Wetherall

7.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.
"The Gypsy Princess" Selection (Kal-
man). De Groot & The New Vic-
toria Orchestra. "The Three
Waltzes" (Oscar Strauss after Johann
Strauss). "Oul Je T'Aime O Paris.
Je T'Aime. Yvonne Printemps
(Soprano) with Orch. & Chorus
"The Miracle"—Selection (Humper-
dinck). London Symphony Orch.
"Floradora"—Tell Me Pretty Maid-
en (Leslie Stuart). Victor Mixed
Chorus with Instr. Acc.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-
nouncements.

8.02 p.m.—Studio—Two Piano Recital
by Eddie & Michael Boder (by Cour-
tesy of the Parisian Grill).

1. Poet & Peasant Overture (Suppe).
2. In a Persian Market (Keteibey).
3. Nola.

4. Black Eyes and Two Guitars.

8.20 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
Night on the Bare Mountain (Mous-
sorgsky). London Symphony Or-
chestra cond. by Albert Coates.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Makers of Mede-
cine" No. 6: "The Looking-glass un-
der the Pillow" Sir D. Corrigan".
Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Chopin—Ballade No. 1 in G
Minor. Alfred Cortot (Piano).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions
of the Hour."

9.30 p.m.—Light French Variety with
Lucienne Boyer, Maurice Chevalier,
and others.

Fox-Trot—Ma Pomme; Slow Fox-Trot
—"Ah! Si Vous Connaissez Ma
Poule!"... Maurice Chevalier with
Orchestra. Valse—Vous Valsez...
Accordeonist Alexander & his Orch.
Valse—L'Hotel du Clair de Lune...
Lucienne Boyer with Orch. Valse
Musette—Accordeonist Alexander &
his Orch. La Java en Mineur...
Maurice Chevalier, Reve Secret...
Accordeonist Alexander & his Orch.
Mon Meilleur Ami; Entraineuse...
Lucienne Boyer with Orchestra.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (qn "Short
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10.00 p.m.—Studio—The Second of a
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10.35 p.m.—Strauss—Le Bourgeois Gen-
tilhomme—Suite, Op. 60.

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Entry and Dance of the Tailors —
The Master at Arms—Prelude to
Act. 2 (Intermezzo)—The Dinner
Music—Menuet (Lully)—The Din-
ner Music... Walther Straram Or-
chestra of Paris.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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T. B. EXPERT FROM HOME SUGGESTED FOR LOCAL STUDY

THE HONG KONG Anti-Tuberculosis Association is just bringing to a close its first year of work and a meeting of the Council of the Association, preparatory to the annual meeting, is to be held on Friday in the Legislative Council Chamber, when the report of the Executive Committee and the statement of accounts will be discussed.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, held last week, it was revealed that the annual finance report will show a credit balance of \$7,560.74.

Some discussion took place on the question of recommendations to the annual meeting regarding membership of next year's Executive Committee. The President suggested that the existing Committee be recommended for re-election but this was opposed by Mr. B. Wylie because in his view, such action would conflict with democratic principle.

Finally, it was decided to ask for nominations at the annual meeting when members of the retiring Committee who were willing to be re-elected could be proposed individually.

Miss Mow Fung, resignation from the Executive Committee on her transfer to Shanghai was accepted and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to convey to Miss Mow Fung the Association's thanks for her work in connection with its activities.

The Committee also placed on record its appreciation of Mr. Ho Koon Tong's generosity in paying the salary of a street lecturer on behalf of the Association.

Dr. N. C. Macleod indicated that because of increased teaching duties, likely to fall upon him this year, he would be unable to accept nomination for re-election as Honorary Secretary of the Association. At the Chairman's request, the President agreed to seek a suitable candidate for the secretaryship.

Scientific Study

The Report of the Scientific Sub-Committee, of which Professor R. C. Robertson is chairman, has been co-ordinated with the reports of other sub-committees in the General Report. This Sub-Committee has made strong recommendations that the condition of houses in the poorer districts of the Colony should be looked into, that existing Government rules on house ventilation should be put thoroughly in operation, that the opening of open-air schools should be encouraged, and that the H.K. Association should appeal to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in England for help by sending out an expert to study the local tuberculosis problem and make recommendations. The Sub-Committee expressed the view that such an expert would carry much weight in stirring up government as well as public interest in the gravity of the tuberculosis problem.

The Committee expressed the

view further that the general use of BCG and Vole-Bacillus in this Colony should be deferred till further experiment, have been completed, that the Association should press for, as a minimum, a 150-bed hospital and a 300-bed sanatorium for the treatment and care of T.B. patients, and that institutions should be built in non-malarial districts with sanitary facilities.

Chest Clinics

"There should be established," the report continues, "numbers of well-equipped Chest Clinics in town for the selection of cases to be sent to the institutions, these clinics to have not only X-ray equipment but also an independent laboratory of their own."

"Owing to the great prejudice against T.B., the Medical Department should be advised to instruct its Health Inspector to be most tactful in dealing with notified cases, in order that others will not be encouraged to hide their disease and secretly spread infection."

The Sub-Committee also urged that a radiophotography unit be purchased as soon as possible for a mass survey, adding "We are fully conscious of the fact that it is impractical for the Executive Committee immediately to comply with all the varying recommendations and suggestions set forth, however desirable the suggestions themselves. It is hoped, however, that the most urgent deficiencies will be made up at the earliest possible moment."

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The usual overhauls and repairs were effected during the year to Company's fleet of steamers which are all in good running order.



SEVEN LUNATICS BREAK GAOL

Seven convicts, inmates of the criminal lunatic department of Perth Prison, broke gaol late at night.

A police cordon was flung round Perth, and a watch kept on the rail station and all road traffic.

To escape, the prisoners had to scale a wall which is over 30ft high in places. Police believe the men, plait up and scattered themselves over the thickly wooded countryside in the black-out.



When her beau says he's literally slid through the day the mentally sketchy girlfriend tosses him a set of cleats.

Boys from Farm Street School, Birmingham have been evacuated to Maerdy Farm, Onen, Monmouthshire, and are putting in some good work helping with the farm duties. One of their jobs is to take the milk to the collecting point in the donkey cart daily.

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BAFFIN BAY SETS NEW 2 MILE MARK

Mainsail Clips Second Off Sapper's Best Two Spills: Two Suspensions At Easter Race Meeting

By "Rapier"

FINE WEATHER FAVOURED HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR THEIR THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS, AND THE LARGE CROWD DURING THE TWO DAYS HAD GOOD REASON TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE FARE PROVIDED.

The track was on the fast side, and it was not surprising that five new records under the new scale of weights were established during the meeting. Two accidents occurred on the first day but the last day passed off without incident.

Two suspensions were enforced during the meeting as a result of which the permission granted to Mr. Lo Kwong to ride has been withdrawn for the time being while Mr. W. H. S. Davis has been suspended for the remainder of the first half of the 1941 racing season.

Mr. Peter Wei headed the jockeys' list for the two days with four firsts, two seconds, and five thirds, followed by Mr. D. Black with three firsts, two seconds, and one third. Honours among owners for the two days were shared by Mr. S. W. Lee and Golf with two wins each.

The Mrs. Bay Stakes, the opening event on Saturday, from the 1 1/2 Mile Post for non-winning China ponies, griffins of this season, resulted in an easy win for Wonderful Scheme. It was well ridden by Commander Craven, who was out for the first time since his accident at the Annual Meeting and who fully justified the confidence of his supporters.

Wonderful Scheme set a fast pace followed by Night Express (Mr. Pih), Eve of Deception (Mr. S. W. Lee), and Rascallion (Mr. Tao). The order was maintained until after passing the Rock, when Rascallion moved up to second position but coming into the straight it faded out of the picture.

Wonderful Scheme was still leading in the straight and although challenged by Night Express it won by a length, with So Nee (Mr. Davis), third, and other four lengths behind.

Commander Craven took no further part in the afternoon's sport, although he was booked to ride other ponies from the Kong Bros. Stable, as his arm was giving him some trouble.

Fine Finishing Burst

The second race was the Calhoun Handicap (First Section) for "B" Class Australian ponies, and the racing public made no mistake in selecting the right pony. Ridden by Mr. Black, A Happy Time made short work of Starlight (Mr. Wei)—Stewards' Cup winner—and the other contestants. Its finish was far too good.

Conniebar (Mr. Chao) ran quite well for second place, and Starlight, the second favourite, was third.

Favourite Fails

In the Taiwan Bay Handicap (First Section) for "D" Class China ponies for novice jockeys over the mile, the public made Boolat Bay favourite. Ridden by its owner it was unplaced. Blue Field (Mr. Yui) won, after a thrilling battle with Eve of Hunting (Mr. J. Nolasco da Silva), by a neck to pay \$43.20—the highest win dividend of the day—with Celtic Star (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) third to pay \$61.70, the best dividend of the afternoon.

Mr. Hearne's Fine Win

The Roschill Stakes (First Section) for non-winning 1941 Australian subscription ponies, which was the first leg of the "Daily Double", provided a surprise. Hole In One (Mr. Hearne), the third favourite which had not hitherto done anything of note, humping home to win.

The start was delayed for some time on account of Hole In One being restive at the barrier, but once away, it went like a flash, to quickly get well out in front.

Battle (Mr. Chang) and Royal Sovereign (Mr. Tao) tried their best to catch up with it, but Hole In One went on to win by a length and a half, with Royal Sovereign third, another half length behind.

Baffin Bay's Record

The main event of the afternoon, the Brisbane Spring Handicap, over two miles, resulted in Baffin Bay (Mr. Chao) newly acquired by Mr. S. W. Lee from Mr. T. K. Li, after its failure to place in the Melbourne Cup over the same distance breaking the record, previously held by Never-Never, for this distance under the new scale of weights, by 12-3/5 seconds.

Australian Diamond (Mr. Chang) and Brown Derby (Mr. Black) made the running in the early stages of the race, with Baffin Bay satisfied to remain in the fourth position. This order was maintained until the Rock, when Mr. Chao sent Baffin Bay ahead to take second position with Triumph Day (Mr. Liang) in attendance.

Coming down the straight Australian Diamond was still leading, but on Baffin Bay passing it at the two mile post, it had to admit defeat by two lengths. Triumph Day was third, many lengths away.

Mr. Cooper Thrown

The first accident of the afternoon occurred in the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second Section). For novice jockeys, which was the second leg of the "Daily Double", Sylvandale, with Mr. Cooper up, coming a cropper just outside the paddock Mr. Cooper escaped injury but Sylvandale had to be destroyed as it sustained a fractured pelvis.

The race itself was uninteresting, and resulted in a fine win for Portrush, Mr. Li Shiu-fai showing clever judgment in sending his pony into the lead, which it increased on rounding the bend, to win without difficulty. West Lake (Mr. S. W. Lee) was second and Sunlight View (Mr. Chiu K. fan), the favourite, third.

For its win Portrush paid each of its 36 "Double" backers \$231.10. After the race a notice was posted to the effect that permission to Mr. Lo Kwong to ride had been withdrawn for the time being.

A Great Finish

The best finish of the day, was seen in the Hongham Bay Handicap (First Section) for "B" Class, China ponies, which was contested from the Two-Mile Post distance.

Ridden by Mr. Treverton, Charlesber jumped into the lead followed by Avon (Mr. Black) and Johnber (Mr. Chao). On rounding the Village bend Charlesber was still leading but immediately Avon passed it on coming into the straight, it faded out of the picture.

The race now resolved into a grim struggle between three ponies, Avon on the rails, Johnber on its left and Sam's Choice (Mr. Hearne) on the outside. Fighting out the finish with great determination on the part of the jockeys, the verdict in the end went to Avon, a short head in front of Johnber, with Sam's Choice third, another head behind!

Good Horsemanship

Mr. Black followed up his good work in the next race, the Caul-



field Handicap, to chalk up his third win of the afternoon. He fully deserved the great ovation that was accorded him on his magnificent handling of Mainsail, which clipped a second off Sapper's time, for this distance, under the new scale of weights.

The race started with Santa Anita (Mr. Liang) taking the lead with Mainsail following. On passing the Post for the first time, Mr. S. W. Lee sent Lex Fori up to take the lead followed by Mainsail and Happy Returns (Mr. Wei). Rounding the Village bend Mainsail passed Lex Fori, with Happy Returns following, but on coming into the straight, King's Flight, with Mr. Needa up, came up from behind with a terrific burst to give challenge to Mainsail, and although it came very near to passing it about 50 yards from the Post, Mainsail responded gallantly to the whip and came home a well-deserving winner by a length and a half, with Happy Returns third, another three lengths behind.

Second Spill

The Hongham Bay Handicap (Second Section) saw the second spill of the afternoon when Mr. Poy, on Rose Emily, was thrown. Luckily however, rider and horse came off without a scratch.

Hughber (Mr. Chao) took the lead from the start followed by Eve of Reason (Mr. Black), Hopful Star (Mr. Tang) and Galaxy (Mr. Wei). On passing the Rock Hughber still led, with Eve of Reason in close attendance, and Eve of Dancing (Mr. Davis) in the rear.

On turning the bend for home, Rose Emily was seen to be jammed in between Eve of Reason and Eve of Dancing, and it was at this stage that Mr. Poy was thrown. Galaxy rushed up to challenge the leaders, passed Eve of Reason and then Eve of Dancing to fight out the finish with Hughber, and managed to win by a neck with Eve of Dancing third a half length behind.

A Stewards' Enquiry was held after the race with the result that Mr. Wei was severely reprimanded and Mr. Davis suspended for the rest of the first half of the season.

Springhurst's Win

The last race, the second section of the Calhoun Handicap, saw Mr. Poy, on Springhurst, win from Contact (Mr. Davis), by a neck. Devonian (Mr. Black) as usual made the running fairly fast, with Contact following. On rounding the home bend Devonian fell out of the race. Contact, in the lead, was challenged by Springhurst, which came down the straight in a burst of speed to "pin" Contact, by a neck on the Post. Vixen Tor (Mr. Treverton) was third.

Monday's Racing, Will Be Reviewed To-morrow.

C.S.C. XI

The Civil Service team to play Indians in a second division league cricket fixture at Sookunpo on Saturday is as follows:—H. E. Strange (Captain), G. Ainslie, V. C. Bond, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. McGowan, J. Mitchell, R. Parrott, M. L. Smith, A. Watson.

JOCKEYS' & OWNERS' RECORDS

Following is how the leading jockeys and owners have fared at the Valley this year:

JOCKEYS	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
D. Black	14	6	13	34
P. Y. T. Wei	10	5	8	23
V. V. Needa	9	10	3	37
L. B. Chao	8	12	6	27
H. C. Pih	6	12	6	35
*C. B. Moller	6	5	4	13
H. J. A. Hearne	6	4	5	30
W. H. S. Davis	5	8	5	34
*F. Noodt	5	3	2	21
W. G. Poy	4	4	0	30
Ip Kuying	4	1	2	9
M. R. Wood	3	0	0	19
*M. M. Sokoloff	2	6	4	15
S. C. Liang	2	2	4	24
P. P. Botelho	2	0	6	34
D. H. S. Craven	2	0	2	7
W. Yui	2	0	1	2
H. S. Chang	1	4	4	29
A. D. Coppin	1	2	0	2
S. W. Tang	1	1	3	14
G. Treverton	1	1	2	28
B. L. Tao	1	0	6	39
*H. J. Holden	1	0	1	0
T. W. Chattey	1	0	1	5
S. W. Pan	1	0	1	13
R. K. C. Chiu	1	0	1	27
B. A. Proulx	1	0	0	2
L. Shiu-fai	1	0	0	3
Chiu Ki-fan	0	2	1	22
S. W. Lee	0	2	1	32
Hoo Pak-ming	0	1	1	33
*G. Pollock	0	1	0	0
J. N. da Silva	0	1	0	1
*D. G. Woo	0	1	0	2
S. L. Sung	0	1	0	3
S. L. Yuen	0	1	0	45
L. J. A. Fielden	0	0	1	1
K. I. Ip	0	0	1	8
C. L. Gregory	0	0	1	14
Tang Man-wa	0	0	1	14
F. A. Sequiera	0	0	1	15
M. F. L. Haymes	0	0	0	1
J. Barrow	0	0	0	1
H. C. Chan	0	0	0	1
G. W. Cooper	0	0	0	2
C. C. Chan	0	0	0	2
Lo Kwong-to	0	0	0	3
Chancon Feng	0	0	0	5
Young Wing-kwai	0	0	0	5
Y. K. Tu	0	0	0	5
Ho Hong-ping	0	0	0	19

*Visiting jockeys for the Annual Race Meeting who have since returned North.

OWNERS	1st	2nd	3rd
T. K. L.	10	8	5
Cire	10	5	4
Eve	6	8	1
Lan	5	9	7
Necan	4	2	1
Marber	3	6	9
Eu Tong-sen	3	4	1
S. W. Lee	3	3	2
Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen	3	1	1
Mrs. A. E. Grasset	3	0	0
Li Po-chun	3	0	0
G. Tinson	2	1	3
Sailbad the Sailor	2	1	0
V. M. Grayburn	2	0	0
Golf	2	0	0
Lee Broc	1	4	1
Lee Chi-choh	1	3	3
C. H.	1	3	0
Dynasty	1	3	0
C. C. F.	1	2	0
Billy	1	2	0
Gredmaka	1	1	2
Collene	1	1	2
Miss Li Po-chun	1	1	1
S. K.	1	1	1
Kong Bros.	1	1	1
Choce	1	1	1
Kia Ora	1	1	0
Vilaja	1	0	4
L. W. S.	1	0	3
Toots	1	0	2
Why	1	0	2
E. S. K.	1	0	2
H. Leigh	1	0	1
P. & L.	1	0	1
Pearstar	1	0	1
Shields & Stanton	1	0	1
St. T. Williamson	1	0	1
F. A. Sutton	1	0	1
Chan K.	1	0	0
C. W. K.	1	0	0
Young Bros.	1	0	0
Westoo	1	0	0
Hollandia	1	0	0
P. M. Hoo	1	0	0
C. L. Gregory	1	0	0
Kwok Yee-chun	1	0	0
Treverton	1	0	0
Mrs. B. Hall	1	0	0
S. W.	1	0	0
Penn & Tsai	1	0	0
Numerals	1	0	0
Electicity	1	0	0
Chanol	1	0	0
Wayfoong	1	0	0
Fl'andee	1	0	0
Iron	0	2	2

FIRST WOMAN TO OWN DERBY WINNER

Lady James Douglas, 87, whose death in London was announced recently, was the first woman to own a winner of the Derby.

The horse was Gainsborough, who in 1918 won the Two Thousand Guineas the substitute race for the Derby which was run at Newmarket, the substitute race for the St. Leger, also run at Newmarket, and the Newmarket Gold Cup, which took the place of the Ascot Gold Cup.

Lady James came into racing as a breeder rather than as an owner. One of her first purchases was Rosedrop, who had won the Oaks for Sir William Bass. Lady James sent Rosedrop to her newly-formed Harwood stud at Newbury, in Berkshire, and had her mated with Bayardo. The offspring was Gainsborough.

Stock Won £335,000

Not only did Gainsborough win £15,080 in stake money, but he earned a fortune in stud fees and his stock has won over £335,000.

They included the classic winners Hyperion (Derby and St. Leger), Orwell (2000 Guineas), Solario (St. Leger) and Singapore (St. Leger).

At 25 years of age Gainsborough is still at the stud.

Oaks Winner

Lady James won the Oaks in 1919 with Bayada, who was bred at her Harwood stud. She also bred Rose of England, who won the Oaks for Lord Glanely in 1930.

The Harwood stud farm was offered for sale as a "going concern." It has now been taken over by Mr. Herbert Blagrove, the owner and trainer.

Lady James Douglas was a daughter of Frederick Hennessey, of Cognac, France. She was first married to Richard Hennessey, of Bagnole, Cognac. In 1888 she married Lord James Edward Douglas, who died in 1891.

LATEST PONY CLASSIFICATION

Alterations to the Hong Kong Jockey Club's classification lists of March 23 are:

AUSTRALIAN PONIES			
To B Class.—Catterick Bridge, Fresh Air, Hole in One, Joan, Lancashire Chios, Man o' War, National Courage, The Nineteenth Hole, Wayworth.			
To C Class.—A Blossom Time, A Just Time, Amusement Tax, Anzac Day, Battle, Castle Hill, Carriedo Flying, Forties, God Rod Iron Bell, King's Welcome, Linda, London, Vanguard, Willow Zadderday.			
To D Class.—Dignitas, Graceful View, Lodestar, Red Rabbit.			
To E Class.—Juliette, Macy, Starlight View, Sydney Diamond, TobaccoShip, Vigor.			
CHINA PONIES			
To B Class.—So Nice, Wonderful Scheme.			
To C Class.—Oscar Zyleh.			
To E Class.—Oomph.			

Lucky	0	2	1
Culture	0	2	0
Diamonds	0	2	0
C. H. Chan	0	1	3
C. N. K.	0	1	2
Ter er & Abraham	0	1	2
Cocoa	0	1	2
T. & E.	0	1	1
Quartermaster	0	1	1
G. A. Harriman	0	1	1
Wai Shiu-pak	0	1	0
Mok Kon-sang	0	1	0
Cire, Jr.	0	1	0
Lady Northcote	0	1	0
New Line	0	1	0
Chan & Chan	0	1	0
Li Shiu-fai	0	1	0
W. T. Stanton	0	0	2
T. L.	0	0	2
I. L.	0	0	1
S. S. Class.	0	0	1
Manetta	0	0	1
Solemnly	0	0	1
H. M. F.	0	0	1
Ash	0	0	1
Mrs. J. T. Taggart	0	0	1
John Peel	0	0	1
S. L. K.	0	0	1
Chan Bros.	0	0	1
Y. L.	0	0	1
L. T. F.	0	0	1
Taxpayer	0	0	1
Totals	101	97	99

St. Joseph's Confound Critics

Frankie Gonzalez Again In Fine Form

Charity Games On Easter Monday

By "Grandstand"

CREAM ALWAYS comes to the top, and the talent in the pennant-winning St. Joseph's certainly rose to the surface, when they asserted their superiority over the Stanley Mohawks, and, despite the fact that the wise-guys doped a Collegian massacre, the Saints humiliated the Tribe 7-1 in the night-cap of Monday's double-header staged for the benefit of the Chinese "warphans."

There is a saying that every batter has his own weakness, and youthful Collegian hurler Frankie "Bashful" Gonzalez sure enough found the blind spots of the Mohawks, as he only yielded five measly hits for nine semesters—or maybe the Tribe didn't have their hitting suits on.

Gonzalez fanned none and walked none, whilst the Collegian bruiser batters nicked Mohawk chucker Cy "Screwball" Jones for nine safeties.

Air-Tight Ball

Both sides played air-tight ball for the first four frames, a string of horse-collars decorating the score-board, and it was not until the fifth canto that the Mohawks managed to chalk up their lone tally on a bobble and a fielder's choice. The Saint, however, took the lead in the sixth, with a cluster of four counters, on only one hit, when the Mohawks busted wide open, committing five errors, which helped to pile up the runs. Another spurge of three markers in the ninth just about ended the game for the Saints.

The Mohawks staged a twin-felling in the first frame when Hank Ah was caught off first base after Art Ozono had popped out to hard pitcher Joe Morris, whilst Davis and Morris were both erased when the former got signal all crossed up and fired out George Souza instead of laying down a bunt.

Johnnie Davis was the most surprised man in the ball park when Umpire Nick Beltrao thumbed him out as the ball was relayed to first-sacker Stan Leonard to complete the double play.

Souza and Ozono, guarding the keystone, were the spark of the infield, stopping everything that came their way, especially the latter, who dished out a fielding gem, when he cut off Johnson's blow to short right, which had base-hit written all over it.

Hurler Frankie Gonzalez led the Collegian slugging parade by connecting safely three times in his five trips to the platter but stood still on a groover with two big ones on him for a strike-out victim.

Betty Fitzgerald Shines

In the curtain-raiser, the Wildcats clawed their way over the All Stars for a 9-5 triumph. Wild-

POOR TENNIS MATCH

By "Adrem"

In easily the worst match seen on the Stand Court thus far, E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung yesterday beat Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui 6-1, 6-4 in the Colony Open Doubles tennis tournament.

None of the players were in anything like decent form and there were not more than a couple of rallies that amounted to anything. Most points were won on errors and the C.R.C. pair making more, they naturally lost.

The first set took exactly 10 minutes and, after Kong and Fung had gone into a lead of 4-1 in the second, and there appeared to be reason for expecting that the standard would improve, Fung went all to pieces, and Fincher and Hung took the next five games in a row to win the set and match at 6-4.

To-day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES

Semi-Final

Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Ip v. S. A. Rumpah and H. D. Rumpah (Stand Court)

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

C. H. R. Oslade (152) v. R. E. Guest (141) (7)

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

Semi-Final

T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (152) v. H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth (15) (8)

POLO CLUB GYMKHANA

In aid of the B.W.O.F., the Hong Kong Polo Club will hold a Gymkhana at the Polo Ground, Boundary Street, Kowloon, shortly. The first event will be a Show Jumping competition for two classes, Australian and China Ponies. There will be six different jumps of the usual Show Jumping type, varying in height from three to four feet.

The entrance fee will be \$5 each pony, and entries should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Polo Club, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon. Entries will close on May 10.

NEW COTTAGE CLUB TROPHY

The Cottage Club will hold its next hunt in the Dill's Corner country on Saturday, the winner of the hunt to receive the "Kiki Cup," a trophy which has been donated by Madame Louis de San, formerly Miss Kiki de Chaffoy de Courcelles.

Prizes will be drawn for at the Club at 3 p.m. and the hunt will start from Dill's Corner at 4 p.m. In the evening, a supper will be held at the Club house, prior to which Madame de San will present the Cup to the winner.

TENNIS REMINDER

Club Secretaries are reminded that entries for the Tennis League close to-day. Entries are to be sent to Mr. C. J. Tachai, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association.

WOMEN'S BADMINTON

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY MISS U. KHOO

On the form revealed in last night's ladies' doubles Colony championship matches, finalists are likely to be Miss Mylthie Silva and Miss Maggie Xavier, and Mrs. Nora Castro and Miss Thelma Gonzalez.

A very high standard was seldom reached in the course of the four matches played but there were some interesting rallies and the great keenness of all participants made all the encounters interesting.

Although she figured on the losing side, Miss Ulian Khoo was the best player on view. In partnership with Mrs. Peggy Wilson, she gave a fine all-round display and it was chiefly due to her efforts that such stern opposition was offered to the powerful combination of Miss Marie Ribeiro and Mrs. Olga Ribeiro Silva.

Mrs. Wilson, a splendid mixed doubles player, was not at home when forced to take the rear of the court and the Recreio pair, discovering this in the course of the great struggle for the first game, concentrated on drawing Miss Khoo to the net and then attacking her partner.

Miss Mylthie Silva and Miss Xavier, although their opponents took 11 aces in the second game, were never in any difficulty and their match with Mrs. Silva and Miss Ribeiro in the next round should provide some of the best badminton in this event.

RESULTS

Following were the scores:—

Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. Xavier beat Miss J. Choa and Miss Molly Churn 15-4, 15-11.

Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. Silva beat Miss U. Khoo and Mrs. Wilson 18-13, 15-6.

Mrs. N. Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez beat Miss G. White and Miss F. Wong 15-3, 15-8.

Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. A. Zimmern beat Miss M. Noronha and Miss I. Pereira 15-2, 15-2.

FINE DISPLAY BY THE CANADIANS

By "Grandstand"

IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS of the International series, played off last Sunday, both China and India eked out narrow victories to qualify for the semi-finals, the former nosing out the Philippine Islanders by 4-3, and the latter just managing a 7-5 victory on a last-inning rally.

As expected, Portugal easily accounted for the Great Britain contingent by the large margin of 10-3.

Although Chinese hurler Herbie Quon limited the P.I. squad to only two scattered safeties, the verdict might very well have been different were it not for bone-headed base-running, which resulted in a Chinese twin-killing snuffing out a Philippine uprising in the last stanza.

Quon set the pace from the start with his torrid heaves, which were hotter than the bowl of a two bit smoking pipe, as he whiffed the first three batters to face him, to chalk up a total of eight strikeouts for the tussle, but occasionally lost control of the horsehide and walked six, in addition to being charged with two wild pitches. Tatong Amper, who went the route for the Phils, fanned four.

Chinese Score First

The Chinese opened the scoring in the initial chapter, when Wally Chung chased in Nip Lum with a triple, but died on the sacks.

The Islanders replied with a marker when Hildeonse drew a free ticket on the gravy train, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on third-sacker Bunn's tumble.

Despite the fact that Wally Chung talked once more for the Chinese in the third, the Phils took the lead in the fourth, when Bob Laurel and Tatong Amper denied the pay-off station on first-sacker Ross Mark's expensive wild heave to the plate.

The lead was short-lived as the Chinese took advantage of four P.I. miscues in the fifth to tally twice. In their last turn at bat, Bob Laurel trotted to first on four pitched balls to choke the bases with Filipinos with only one out.

Saturated with Ruthian ambitions, Lefty Amper ambled to the plate, but all he could produce was an infield pop which Wally Ching clamped his hands on.

Frankie Gonzalez, who was perched on second, went tearing to third with the crack of the bat, and was sheepishly called out as the ball was relayed to keystoneer Bill Chang.

Wally Ching hammered out the longest blow of the day with a triple, and also connected for a two-bagger in his three trips to the plate, whilst Loyola cracked out both of the Philippine safeties.

Canadians Weaken

The Canadians almost made headlines when they had the edge on the Indians for six frames, but busted wide open in the last chapter to finish at the short end of a 7-5 verdict.

Fielding almost the same team that wrested the title from Portugal last year, the Indians just couldn't do a thing in spite of the ragged eight-error Maple Leaf fielding, whilst Huckjai Kitchell just about pulled the game out of the fire for the Indians, in a dazzling performance at the windy alley, as he tossed out Gas Oliver and Bernie Johnson in the last frame with lightning pegs after third-sacker Sherry Bux had booted both chances.

The Canucks were blanked in the first two frames, but broke the ice, as Pullen started a three-run spurge with a double. He certainly wasn't pullin' his hits, as his mighty wallop went for two bases.

Both Markar Jr. and Baby Abbas connected safely two in three times with the hickory, whilst Pullen, Bill Ing and Cyclone Baker were each good for a double apiece.

Kassa Nazarin, Sherry Bux and Baby Abbas completed the only double play of the fracas, when

they neatly erased Johnnie Fisher and Gas Oliver in the first heat.

Gosano's Fine Pitching

Portuguese slabster Gerry Gosano displayed championship calibre in returning a three-hitter against Great Britain's nine, who were eliminated from the series by 10-3.

Gosano fanned seven Britishers and walked one, while Jock Brown, toeing the rubber for the losers, whiffed two and passed three to first.

The Portuguese lads had the jump on the Britishers when they produced a cluster of five counters on four blows in the first frame, and enched the issue with a three-run spurge in the final session on two safeties.

The first British tally crossed the pan in the fifth when Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard doubled and was chased in by George White's single to short centre, and added one more in each of the sixth and seventh heats.

Rookie Charlie Quinn socked the apple for a neat 1,000, which included a triple in his two batting turns, whilst short-stop George Souza's four in five was the next best.

British handsnatcher Taylor handled Nick Beltrao's pop bunt neatly and caught Bertie Gosano off first for the only double erasure of the tilt.

LYCEUM BEAT VARSITY

Macao Lyceum beat the University by the single goal in a hockey encounter at Pokfulam yesterday. University fielded was their best team, but found the Macao students a better team. Trigo de Silva, Macao centre-half, scored in the first half.

MACAO LYCEUM — Rozario Liang, G. Noronha, A. Basto, G. Silva, Trigo de Silva, A. Leitao, H. Rocha, A. Basto Jr., G. Souza, A. Silva and Almeida.

UNIVERSITY — Lee Hau-fong, K. Y. Tam, N. H. Low, S. Amplavannar, Lee Chee-kun, T. T. Chin, Aziz Ahmed, D. Chelliah, Hans Raj, N. Singh and Ho Hon-fah.



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CHINESE FEDERATION TEAM CHOSEN

Following have been chosen to represent the Chinese Federation in the Final of the Governor's Cup Competition on Saturday:

CHINESE FEDERATION: — Cheung Wing-choy; (Sing Tao) Tsang Chung-wan (South China) and Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern); Lau Hing-choy (South China); Hsu King-seng (Eastern) and Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); C. T. Tsao (Eastern), Chan Tak-fai (South China), Lee Wai-tong (South China) Capt., V. K. Hyui (Eastern) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves: — Lee Kwok-kee (Kwong Wah), Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Tse Kam-hung (South China), Lo Wai-kuen (Eastern), Lau Chi-chen (Eastern), Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao), Yeung Shui-yick (Sing Tao), Cheung Kam-hoi (Eastern), Chuck Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Chau Man-chi (South China), Wong King-cheong (Kwong Wah) and Yau Wah-hing (Kit Chee).

Manager: — Sze Po-wai and Lam Chung-ho.

SITUATION IN LIBYA ALREADY STABILISED

British Forces In Position To Give Battle

SURVIVORS OF BRITISH SHIP LANDED

Nineteen survivors of the crew of a British steamer were landed in Pernambuco yesterday from a Brazilian steamer which picked them up on Sunday.

The British vessel is reported to have been torpedoed. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVY INCREASE

THE BILL INCREASING THE OFFICER AND ENLISTED STRENGTH OF THE U.S. NAVY AND MARINE CORPS TO 232,000 WAS PASSED AND SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE BY THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

The Bill also authorises the President to acquire 200,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for national defence and to raise the number of men enlisted to 300,000 at his discretion. — Reuter.

No Cause For Anxiety

THE SITUATION IN LIBYA IS NOW STABILISED ALTHOUGH FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON. THIS IS INDICATED BY NEWS RECEIVED FROM LIBYA, WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS IN CAIRO STATED LAST NIGHT.

Strong British forces have taken up positions to give battle in a most favourable strategic area and, even should the German command continue to flog its troops and vehicles to the limit in the Western Desert, there is no cause for anxiety.

German prisoners state they had been without food or water for two days and could no longer carry out instructions to push on as fast as possible.

With the British Air Force holding complete superiority in the air and continually bombing German supply positions, German forward units are becoming ragged.

The German Stuka dive-bombers are neither a match for the British Hurricane nor for British ground troops, who hold their fire until the low-flying Nazi planes become targets that can hardly be missed.

Nazi Casualties

German casualties in vehicles are increasing hourly with the incessant destructive bombing of the R.A.F.

There is no doubt in the minds of the British Command of the result of the large-scale clash between British Imperial forces and the Germans, even if the latter reach the positions chosen by the British Command.

THESE DEFENCES WERE CONSTRUCTED TO HALT THE THREATENED ITALIAN ADVANCE LAST AUTUMN. THEY REMAIN INTACT AND STRONGER THAN EVER.

Troops returning from the desert to re-equip are in the highest spirits.

Optimism is the keynote of their descriptions of the situation, which is becoming more stable each day as our forces concentrate.

The Tobruk Clash

Regarding the situation in Libya the War Office has issued a communique which states: "In the repulse of the German attack at Tobruk on Monday about 200 German prisoners were taken and over 100 enemy were killed."

"At least 15 enemy tanks were destroyed. Our losses were eight. In the Sollum area, we inflicted losses on the enemy by patrol and artillery action."

"In Abyssinia, our advance was resumed towards Dessie while in the southern areas the vigorous pursuit of enemy detachments is being continued." — Reuter.

BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE FIGHTING IN A SNOWSTORM

(Continued from Page 1)

The Greek press generally emphasises that the withdrawal at Koritza was imposed by new circumstances and in no way diminishes the value of the fact that the heroic Greek army, which for about six months has astonished the world with its valour, conquered the Italians along the whole front and humiliated an empire of sixty millions which, for that six months, could claim no victory, and would have reaped no success if another empire of 80 millions scurrilously attacking Greece had not come to their aid.

Tank Engagement

Yesterday's Greek High Command communique confirms that the Koritza region has been evacuated and that there has been German pressure in the area west of Salonika.

The communique says: "Western Macedonia: there has been an engagement between armoured units in the Ptolemais region. German forces pushed towards Klissura, towards Kozani and towards Sitista (Klissura in Western Macedonia, is not to be confused with the town of the same name in Albania). — British Wire-less."

Ho Wan-tang, coxswain of the steam launch "Yuen Hang" was this morning fined \$10 by Commander J. Jolly for towing more than two boats at a time through the Southern Entrance of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter.

STOP PRESS

German forces, it is reported in New York, have broken through the centre of the Anglo-Greek front in northern Greece and have occupied a pass in the Sialista area.

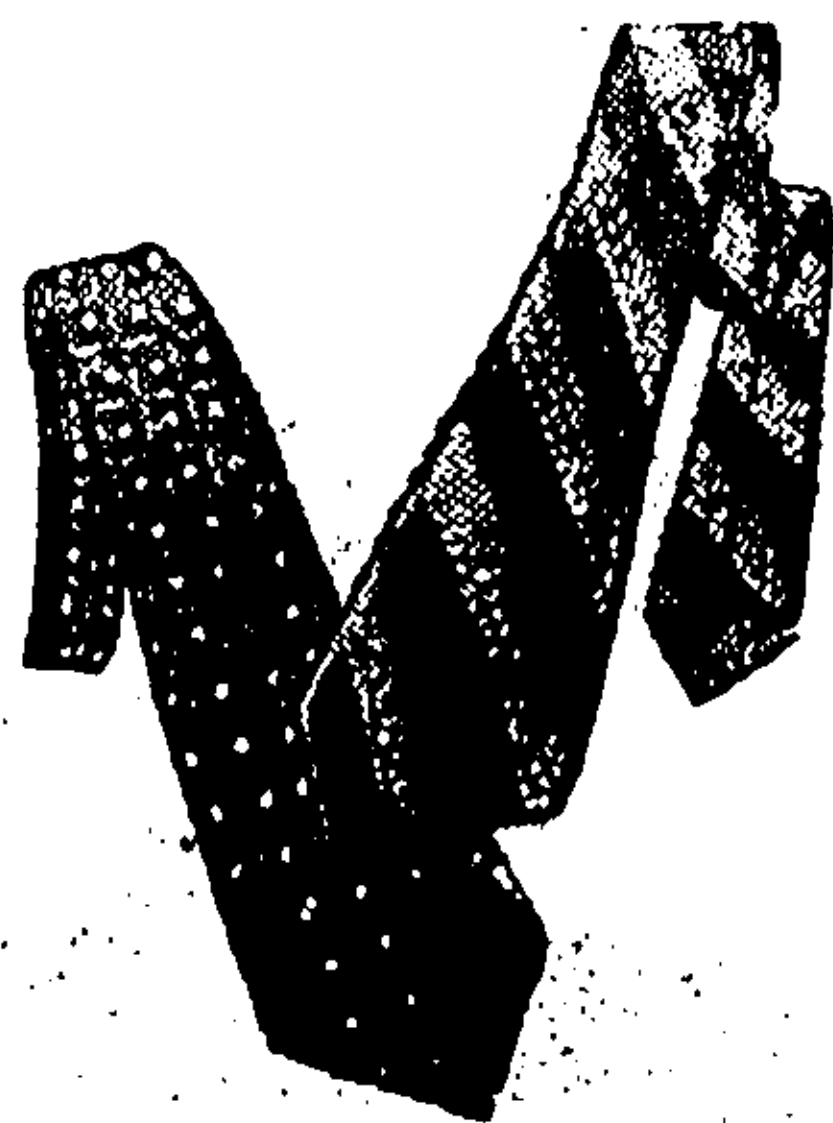
This pass is said to command easier going in low-lying country. — Reuter.

[Source of this report, whether Allied or German, is not stated.]

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BULGARIA BLAMES YUGOSLAVIA!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bulgaria has broken off diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia on the ground that Yugoslavia has attacked Bulgarian territory and "fomented subversiveness."

International News Service.

EWO MILL RIOT IN SHANGHAI

The police were reported to have been compelled to open fire this morning to quell a serious riot at the Ewo Cotton Mill in the Yangtsepoo area of Shanghai.

Twenty strikers are reported to have been injured and 30 arrested. Many police were also hurt, including five foreigners, some Japanese and a couple of Indians, but all were only slightly injured except for a Briton, Sergeant Phins, whose condition is said to be rather serious.

The strikers, who attacked with iron bars, were only subdued after the police opened fire.

A Japanese military detachment is now among a large force of police guarding the mill premises.—Reuter.

STAMP ISSUE FOR BOMBERS

LATEST STEP IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES PLANS TO PRESENT THE NETHERLANDS FORCES IN BRITAIN WITH EIGHT BOMBERS, AS REQUESTED BY PRINCE BERNHARD—OF WHICH SEVEN HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONTRIBUTED—WILL BE THE ISSUE OF A SPECIAL SERIES OF "FREE NETHERLANDS" STAMPS.

These stamps will be sold with a small surplus above the postal value, and it is hoped that at least one bomber can be bought from the total sum expected to be raised by the surplus.

There is good reason to believe the N.E.I. will present even more than the eight bombers requested, as further donations continue to pour in.—Reuter.

RESPITE FROM RAIDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE BRITISH ISLES HAD A RELATIVE RESPITE FROM AIR ATTACK LAST NIGHT, THOUGH THERE WERE SOME

Nazi Tank Attack On Right Sector Repulsed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A GREEK WAR MINISTRY BULLETIN, READ OVER ATHENS RADIO, CLAIMS SHATTERING AERIAL BOMBINGS OF GERMAN TANK COLUMNS, SUPPLY BASES AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN THE VITAL MONASTIR AREA, ON THE YUGOSLAV-GREEK FRONTIER.

The bulletin stated that the situation of the Greek and British troops holding the main defence line from the Adriatic to the Aegean at Mount Olympus is most satisfactory.

It is declared that the Greek army's morale is better than when the Italians were thrown out of Greece last autumn.

It is claimed the Greeks continued to hold their allotted part of the battle front, and that attacks by Italian patrols in Albania were repulsed with heavy losses in the northern and central sectors and north of the Aous River, near Tepelini.

A Press Ministry communique also asserted that the situation in southern Yugoslavia has further improved.

Britain Rushing Troops

In London, it is stated that fighting in northern Greece is taking place in a heavy snowstorm.

High British quarters scornfully dismissed as "hardly worth denying" Nazi allegations that a general British evacuation of Greece has begun.

On the contrary, it was stated, fresh contingents of British troops have just been landed and powerful reinforcements of British and Greek troops are being rushed to the battlefield to meet the Nazis. International News Service.

Several Attacks Repulsed

THE WAR OFFICE IN LONDON, IN A COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH THE SITUATION IN GREECE, ANNOUNCES: "ON OUR RIGHT SECTOR SEVERAL ATTACKS BY ENEMY MECHANISED TROOPS WERE REPULSED. IN OTHER AREAS IT IS QUIET." — REUTER.

Italians Caught Napping

Details of the Greek evacuation of the northern sector of the Albanian front, announced in Athens yesterday, show that it was carried out with precision and perfect secrecy, the Greeks taking away all material and artillery and destroying bridges.

BOMBINGS IN THE NORTH-EAST AND SOUTH

During daylong raids yesterday on the south-east many dog-fights took place. No bombs were dropped, though there were five alarms on the south-east coast. — International News Service.

The process of evacuation lasted three days, and on Monday the Italians became aware of it and advanced into the Koritza region.

SMALL GREEK COVERING FORCES WERE ABLE TO TREAT THEMSELVES WITHOUT LOSING A SINGLE MAN TO THE ENEMY.

The withdrawal has unified the Greek-British defence line which for the most part now consists of territory regarded as very difficult for mechanised columns. — Reuter.

Strategic Necessity

From the strategic point of view the withdrawal from Koritza (Continued on Page 16)

DRAMATIC YUGOSLAV SUCCESS

THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING CORPORATION CORRESPONDENT FROM "SOMEWHERE IN YUGOSLAVIA" REPORTS THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE RETAKEN SKOLPJE AND NISH.

THE YUGOSLAVS, HE ADDS, CLAIM TO HAVE TAKEN 20,000 PRISONERS AND TO HAVE ISOLATED A GERMAN PANZER DIVISION AND 400 GERMAN TANKS.—REUTER.

BERLIN GOES OFF THE AIR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE BERLIN RADIO WENT OFF THE AIR SUDDENLY AT 9 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT, INDICATING A BRITISH RAID ON THE NAZI CAPITAL. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

HONGKEW TO RETURN TO S.M.C. CONTROL?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A statement on the possible return of Hongkew and Wayside to full Municipal control is expected to be made at the annual Shanghai Ratepayers Meeting tomorrow. — International News Service.

FIERCE BATTLE IN LIBYA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Fierce battles are still raging at Tobruk and Sollum, it was stated in Cairo last night though it was added that the situation is stabilised and there is no cause for British anxiety.

The British forces have taken up positions in the most favourable strategic areas. — International News Service.

BERLIN CLAIMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin claims that last week German planes disabled four British destroyers in the Atlantic, off Malta and in Greek waters.—International News Service.

GRAVEST CRISIS OF WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Warning statements were made before the U.S. House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee in Washington yesterday by Col. Frank Knox (Secretary of Navy) and Mr. Henry Stimson (Secretary of Army).

Mr. Stimson asserted that the Army must be trained to fight outside the western hemisphere to protect American interests.

He assured the Committee that the United States rearmament drive was eight to 12 months ahead of the World War period.

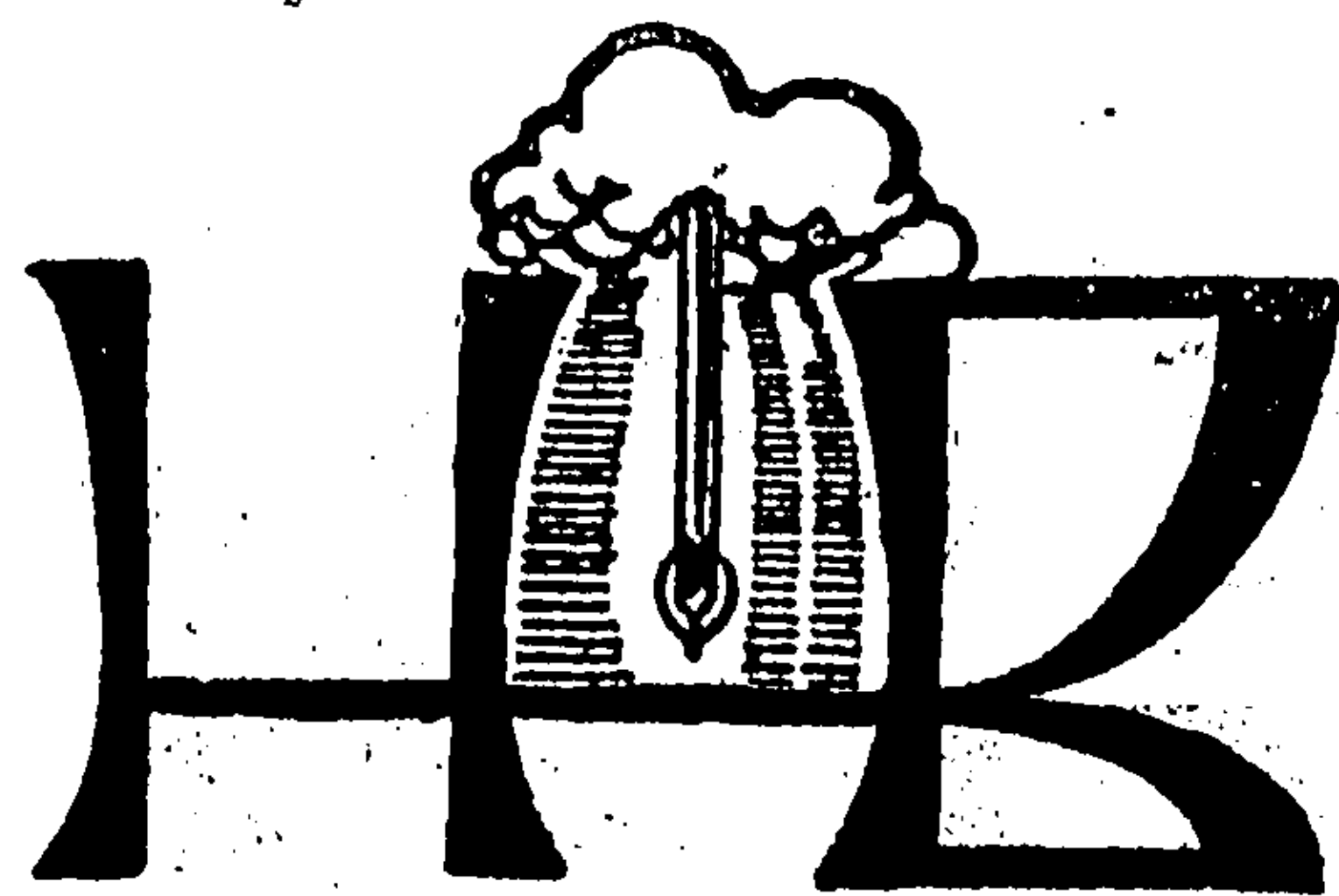
"Our forces must be prepared for possibilities of war in many and varied terrains, it being quite uncertain what part of North, South and Central America, or even possibly other regions, it ultimately may be necessary to use in defence of this country and its possessions."

Col. Knox warned that "this country is being gradually encircled by nations unfriendly to it."

HE ADDED: "WE NOW FACE THE GRAVEST CRISIS OF THE PRESENT WAR. I DON'T WISH TO BE A SCAREMONGER BUT WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF GRAVE PERIL." — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

British destroyers in the Atlantic, off Malta and in Greek waters.—International News Service.

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SURPRISE RAID ON NORWEGIAN PORT

Ex-American Destroyer Carries Out Exploit Complete Success Of Sortie

A FORMER UNITED STATES WARSHIP LED THE RAID ON A NORTH NORWEGIAN PORT EARLY ON SATURDAY MORNING, IT WAS REVEALED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

It was one of the American destroyers taken over by Britain last year, four of which are now sailing under the Norwegian flag.

AMERICAN AID TO CHINA

Early announcement of American aid to China under the Lease and Lend Act was indicated by the Chinese Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Hu Shih, after attending a conference at the White House yesterday.

The Ambassador was accompanied to the White House by Mr. T. V. Soong, China's leading financial expert.—Reuter.

EXPLOSIVE STOLEN FROM A.R.P. TUNNEL

For the theft of 45 sticks of dynamite from No. 9 A.R.P. Tunnel in Wanchai, Man Kam, 26, stone blaster, and Cheung Tak, 24, earth-cooler, were remanded for 72 hours for further enquiries, when charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Second accused was also charged with receiving the dynamite. Both defendants pleaded not guilty. Detective-Sergeant V. Morrison is in charge of the case.

The landing party were mostly hardened Norwegian sailors and fishermen, with a sprinkling of pilots who know every fjord and inlet of the intricate Norwegian coast.

The destroyer crept in during the early hours of the morning and landed a party of volunteers. Telephone and telegraph wires were cut and local Quislings and Germans rounded up. Stocks from the fish oil factory were seized and the factory destroyed, after which other oil depots were disposed of and the harbour works blown up.

The Germans were taken completely by surprise and it was not until 24 hours later that the Nazis outside the area got wind of the raid.

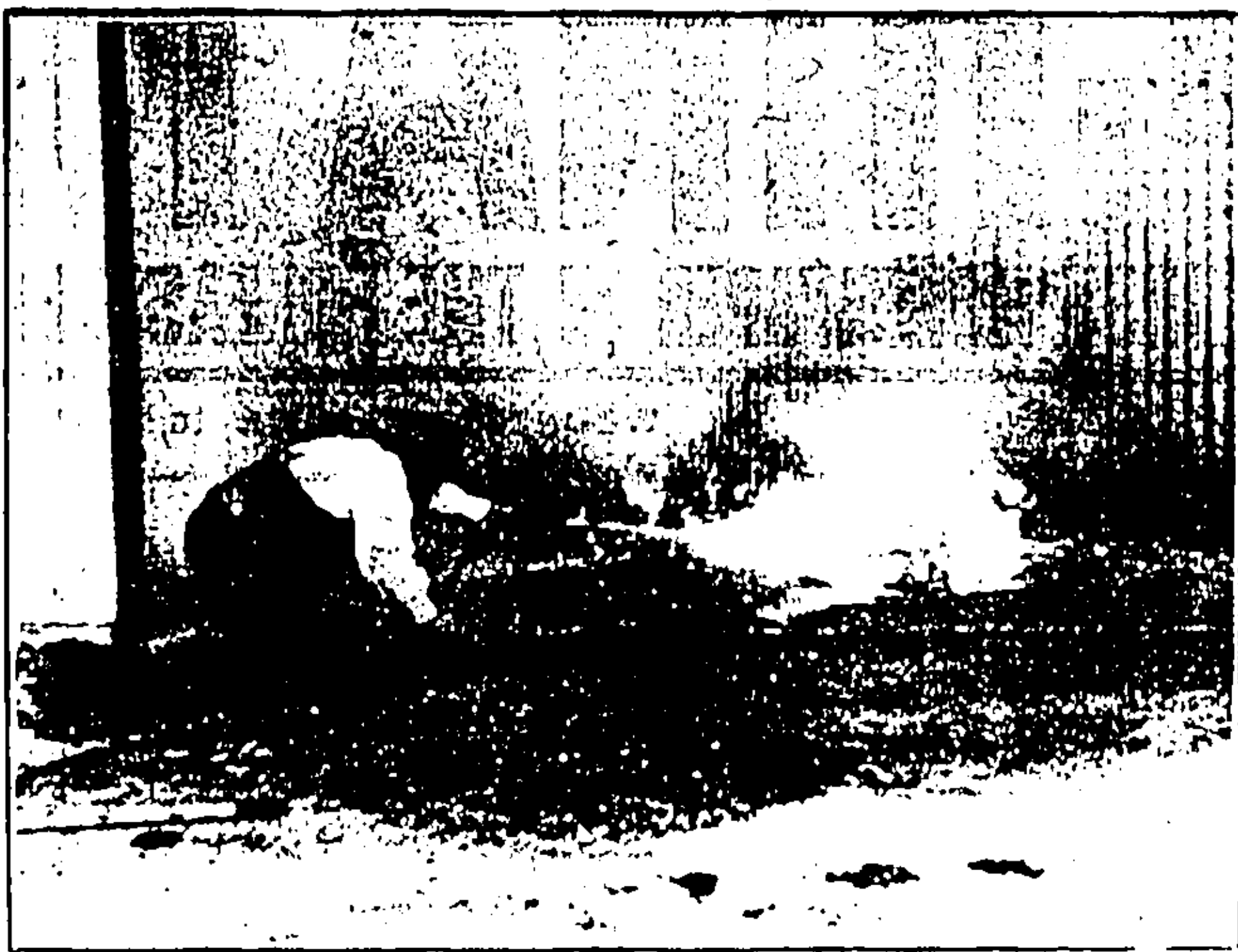
Having done its job well, the destroyer drew off in the early morning without a single Allied loss. — Reuter.

GANG LAID BY HEELS

A GANG OF WRIST-WATCH SNATCHERS WHO HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN THE UPPER LEVELS DISTRICT FOR SIX MONTHS, WERE SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS RANGING FROM SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR BY MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING.

The gang were responsible for the theft of watches from Mrs. Ashton Hill, of "Carleton," Pokfulam Road, Mrs. Chau Wun-nin, of No. 1, Hing Hon Road, Mrs. Li Chi-kwai, of No. 84, Percival Street, Mrs. Wu Fung-ying, of No. 1, Beautiful Terrace, and Miss Woo Siu-ying, of Queen Mary Hospital, between November last and April 2 this year.

Tsang Wai-pui and Chan Tai-hang were sentenced to one year's hard labour, Yeung Wa-tai, 18, to six months and Leung Moon, 24, to nine months' hard labour. Inspector Hallam prosecuted.



The use of the stirrup pump for putting out incendiary bombs has proved completely successful under the test of grim experience in England, and this equipment is now being strongly recommended for Hong Kong. An invitation was recently extended by the D.A.R.P. for applications for the necessary equipment at low cost. Photo shows a local demonstration of the way an incendiary is tackled, taken last week.

INDIAN TROOPS' GALLANTRY AT MASSAWA

MANY DEEDS OF gallantry by Indian troops during the operations leading to the fall of Massawa, in Eritrea, are described in despatches received in New Delhi yesterday from Eritrea.

The morale of the Italians began to give way under the relentless battering to which they were subjected. Indian troops were quick to seize advantage and to attempt actions against odds which normally would be extremely hazardous.

On several occasions enemy machine-gun positions concealed in wire entanglements were taken at the point of the bayonet, one sepoy taking such a post single-handed by crawling close enough to throw a hand-grenade.

Another havildar led a detachment across a bullet-swept area and minefield to cut off 500 Italian naval ratings holding one sector of the line.

During the attack on the port an Indian company led by a subadar succeeded in rounding up approximately 200 prisoners, all Europeans, who were preparing to make a stand.

Clever Capture

The subadar sent a platoon to the flank with orders to open rapid fire, eventually effecting a clever capture.

Indian troops in carriers were the first to enter Massawa, despite minefields crowding the entrance which were easily located and disposed of by Indian sappers and miners.

As soon as the troops were dismissed in Massawa there was a general rush to the sea and bathing was soon in full swing, though it was nearly midnight. Meanwhile khansamas were settling down to cook an enormous meal of celebration over captured Italian ranges. — Reuter

GAOL FOR OFFER OF A BRIBE

For offering \$1 bribe to a Chinese constable, who arrested him for hawking without a licence in Canton Road yesterday, Tam Lok, 31, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was additionally fined \$2 or seven days' hard labour for hawking without a licence.

BRITISH CRUISER SUNK

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT H.M.S. BONAVENTURE HAS BEEN TORPEDOED AND SUBSEQUENTLY SANK.

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A BRITISH SUBMARINE SANK AN ENEMY TANKER BOUND FOR A PORT IN OCCUPIED FRANCE.—REUTER.

The Admiralty announces that H.M.S. Bonaventure was torpedoed while acting as escort to a convoy.—British Wireless.

10,000-Ton Tanker

The Admiralty announces that H.M. submarine Tigris reported she has sunk an armed and heavily laden tanker of about 10,000 tons, which was bound for a port in enemy-occupied France.

This vessel was commanded by Lt. Commander Bone, who has already received the D.S.O. and D.S.C.—British Wireless.

HEMINGWAYS OFF TO SINGAPORE

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hemingway left Chungking yesterday afternoon by plane for Lashio en route to Singapore. — Central News.

U.S. Will Protect Shipping

"The United States will protect her merchantmen wherever they go so long as they do not enter combat zones proclaimed under the Neutrality Act," declared President Roosevelt at his press conference yesterday.

He was replying to a query whether this was the United States policy.

"It is not a question of policy but of law," he added.

President Roosevelt declined to say whether United States ships going to the Red Sea would likewise be protected, adding that he knew of no ships in those waters now.

Questioned on the possibility of arming United States freighters, he said, "There has never been any discussion of that except by orators." — Reuter.

BREAK IN RELATIONS PROBABLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"). Diplomatic relations between the United States and the German-influenced Danish Government have been virtually severed, with a complete rupture expected at any moment.

President Roosevelt declared in Washington that the United States would stand fast in its determination to fortify and defend Greenland, despite the repudiation by Copenhagen of the agreement reached in Washington.

Officials in Washington yesterday conceded the growing possibility of a similar breach with Rome after the State Department's receipt of a further "most vigorous protest" from Italy over the United States' "arbitrary" action in seizing 28 Italian vessels and their crews. — International News Service.

MONROE DOCTRINE APPLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"). President Roosevelt announced at his press conference in Washington yesterday that he intends to protect Greenland until the area is restored to a free and independent Denmark.

The President explained the United States was merely carrying out the Monroe Doctrine.

Meanwhile Denmark has sent a formal notification direct from Copenhagen declaring the Greenland agreement void. — International News Service.

LEAVING NEXT WEEK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"). Gerald Casement, the U.S. Marine sentenced to life imprisonment for killing his 15-month-old stepson, Floyd "Skipper" Sebastian, leaves Shanghai for McNeil Island on April 22. — International News Service.



unit has arisen from the road unit. — The dire need for this ing. evacuated areas, and the disorder caused by people leaving military in cases of urgency. Learning of the roads for the Traffic Control men now on. There are over 10,000 of these men are shown under instruction in the British Isles. The New Traffic Control Army on, learning various signals etc.

German Aircraft Shot Out Of Skies Round Tobruk

Twenty Destroyed By Two British Squadrons

TWENTY GERMAN and two Italian aircraft were shot down in the Tobruk area on Monday. Two British fighter squadrons were mainly responsible for this success, announces an R.A.F. communique issue in Cairo yesterday.

When several formations of enemy planes attempted to raid a British Libyan outpost, eight Junkers dive-bombers were shot down by one squadron and four more by A.A. fire.

In the same area another squadron shot down a German Heinkel aircraft, two Italian monoplane fighters and seven twin-engined Junkers bombers.

The bombing and machine-gunning offensive against enemy aerodromes, concentrations of troops and motor transport in Cyrenaica continued throughout Monday and the previous night.

Heavy damage and many casualties were inflicted as a result of these raids, particularly in the Tobruk area.

Much Damage

Military buildings were destroyed at El Adem, Derna and Gambut, while heavy explosions occurred and direct hits were registered on dispersed aircraft. Full results were difficult to observe but it is confirmed that much damage was done.

Three more German planes were destroyed at Mchabara (a landing ground near Tobruk) where Royal Australian Air Force fighters destroyed two Messerschmitt twin-engined fighters in combat and one Junkers transport plane on the ground.

Transport Destroyed

Many enemy motor transport vehicles were destroyed or damaged in this area, too.

Tripoli, main base of German reinforcements in Libya, again was heavily raided on Monday night and, as on Sunday, bombs straddled shipping in the harbour.

One vessel was seen burning fiercely while others must have suffered damage.

Malta Raid

South African Air Force fighters, operating in Abyssinia, machine-gunned the aerodrome at Ginnia, where two Italian aircraft were burnt out.

Malta was raided again on Sunday night and some damage caused to both civilian and Service property but casualties were few. —Reuter.

CHOSE BLITZ JOB

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]. Volunteer nurses for all parts of Britain are coming to London to take fortnightly turns of blitz work in shelters.

They are members of the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance organisations, specially picked to take the job.

"Between twenty-five and thirty provincial nurses are always working in London," an official of the British Red Cross told me.

"We appealed for help from the country because at first we hadn't enough nurses to staff London shelters. Now more trained nurses are joining shelter staffs.

"Girls work for a fortnight or more in London, then return to their homes. Some stay several weeks.

"They are chosen because of their experience in similar work. Usually they work in shelters with a trained nurse.

"We like the volunteers to be over twenty-five and capable of taking full charge of the shelter in an emergency."

DAYLIGHT OFFENSIVE PATROLS

R.A.F. fighters carried out offensive patrols over the Channel and Northern France during daylight yesterday and shot down two German fighters.

A German bomber was also destroyed by our fighters over the Channel. One British fighter is missing.

No bombs fell on Britain during daylight yesterday.

The alert sounded in the London area at a late hour last night and enemy aircraft were reported over areas in the north-west, east and south-west of England, the North Midlands and East Anglia. —Reuter.

RIGHT TO TAKE OVER SHIPS

Legislation authorising President Roosevelt, during the present emergency, to purchase, requisition or take possession of foreign merchantmen lying idle in United States ports, was laid before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday by its chairman, Senator George C. Reuter.

lands factory girls that is keeping prices up."

BLOOMS GO TO MUNITION GIRLS

By A Special Correspondent. The high price of cut flowers in London at a time when they should be getting cheaper is largely due to the fact that girl munition workers in the Midlands are spending their money on brightening their homes.

Thousands of these girls are getting more wages than ever before, and they are buying flowers regularly for the first time in their lives.

"They are finding the joy of having fresh blooms about them, and are buying from the florists at whatever price is asked," said Mr. Moyses Stevens, head of the well-known London florists.

"Government restrictions, bad weather, and loss of foreign sources have reduced the quantities of flowers available, but it is this new flower habit of the Mid-

HURRICANES SHATTER RAIDERS OVER PIRAEUS

R.A.F. FIGHTERS shot down five Junkers twin-engined bombers and severely damaged several others, which are unlikely to have reached their base, yesterday morning when German planes attempted the first recorded dive-bombing attack on the Piraeus, the harbour of Athens.

Slight damage was caused to R.A.F. property. All our fighters returned to base.

R.A.F. bomber operations from Greek bases are playing havoc with German communications.

A pilot officer participating in the initial attack on troop concentrations near Yanitza described yesterday the "truly remarkable" effect of a tracer machine-gun bullet attack on a long convoy near Pella.

ONE LORRY BURST INTO FLAMES, ANOTHER SUDDENLY OVERTURNED, BLOCKING THE ROAD COMPLETELY, AND A THIRD CRASHED INTO A DITCH.

The accuracy and teamwork displayed by these waves of British bombers were equalled by the clockwork arrival of two sergeant pilots who took two bombers over Sofia on Sunday night and reported large

fires and explosions in marshalling yards.

A direct hit on a munitions train tossed one plane about like a leaf and almost blinded the pilot. —Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICANS FOR LIBYA

"SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY FORCES ARE NOW LIKELY TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING IN AFRICA BEYOND EAST AFRICA AND ABYSSINIA."

This announcement was made by the Department of Defence in Pretoria in a statement yesterday calling for recruits for all branches of the defence forces. —Reuter.

STAFF TALKS IN ANKARA ADJOURNED

Lt-Gen. Sir James Marshall-Cornwall has left Ankara for Egypt.

Accompanied by Air Marshal Elmhurst he arrived in Turkey from Egypt at the beginning of April to resume talks with the Turkish General Staff. —Reuter.

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The civil administrators will be directly responsible to Hitler, while the execution of military law remains in the hands of the Army Command. —Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON SOFIA

Aiming at dislocating German communications at Sofia, the R.A.F. raided the Bulgarian capital on Sunday night.

The main goods station, marshalling yards and warehouses were the chief targets. Many fires were started in the goods yards where two trucks received direct hits and blew up with a detonation that suggested they contained explosives.

An R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday records that enemy convoys leading the German march into Greece were again successfully attacked by bombers.

THEY WERE IN THE REGION OF YANITZA, PTOLEMAIS, KOZANA AND GORNA DJUMAYA AND MUCH DAMAGE WAS CAUSED TO ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL.

Patrolling R.A.F. fighters shot down two Junkers dive-bombers in the Volos area and a third near Ptolemais, where a Messerschmitt fighter was also destroyed.

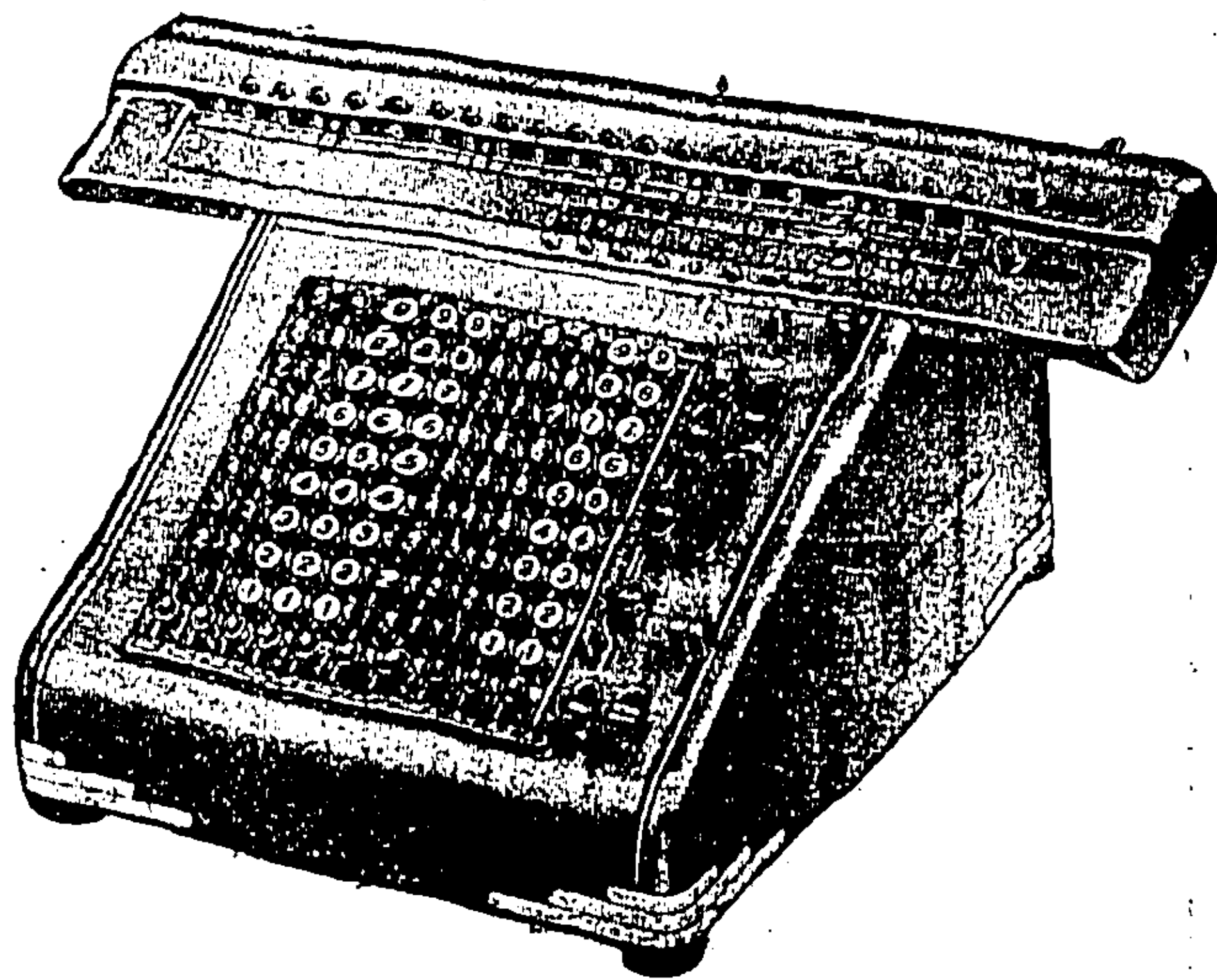
No R.A.F. planes are missing from these operations. —Reuter.

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Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, left Ottawa for Washington yesterday, says a Reuter cable.

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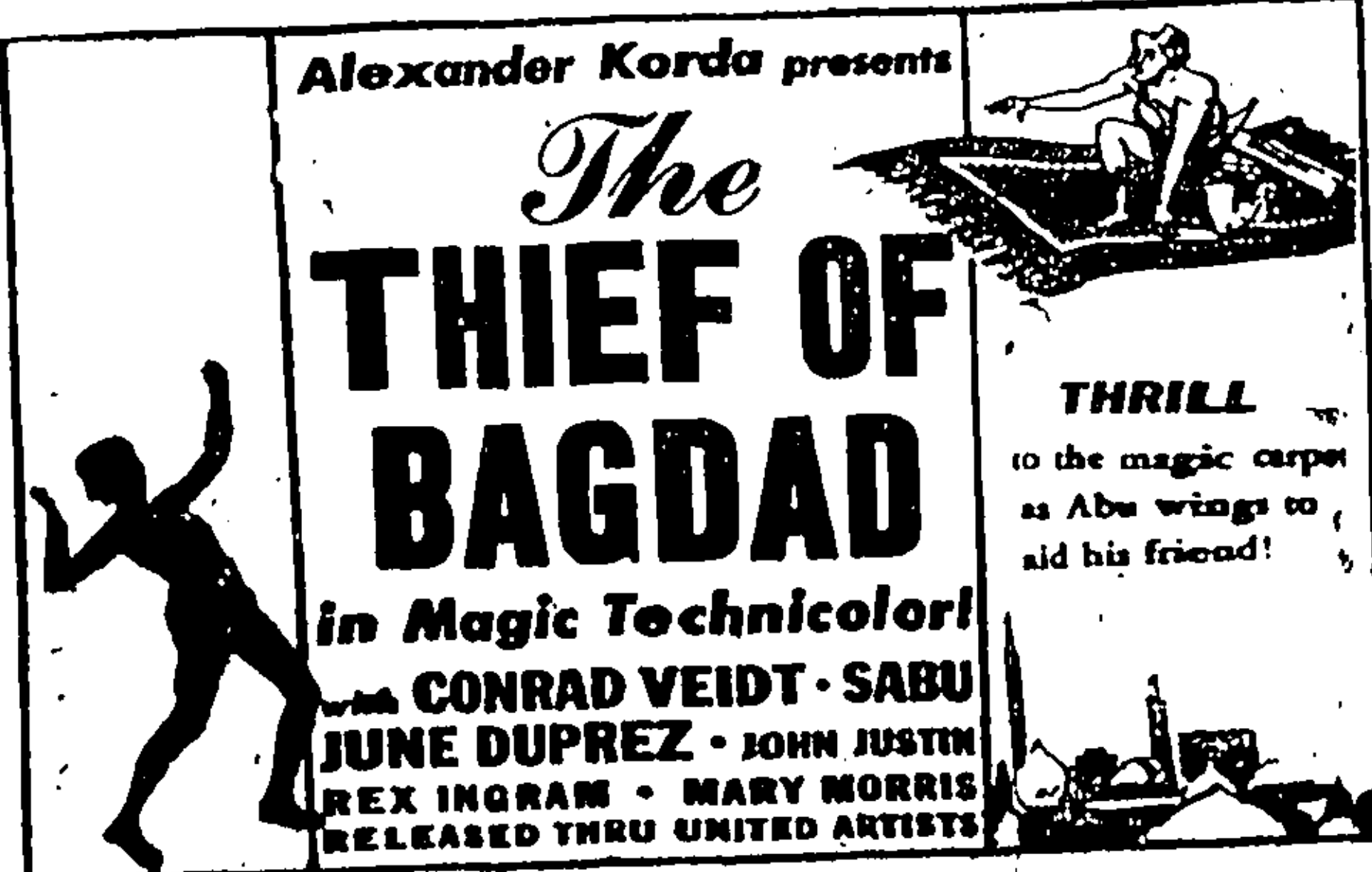
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Libya did not stand alone, however, as the Germans had decided to aid Italy by entering on a Balkan campaign, while large forces were still engrossed in East Africa.

Our choice of action had to be made from the following:
First, accept the German challenge in the Balkans.

Second, a race against the rains in Abyssinia to conquer the country and obtain the use of troops now there.

Third, concentrate on the two African campaigns and give the Germans a walk-over in the Balkans down to the Mediterranean.

The Right Thing

Had we decided on the third course, the Germans might now have been in Athens. We surely did the right thing in deciding on the first and taking a risk in Libya and adjusting matters there by quickly releasing troops after East Africa's conquest.

Such an adjustment was, and is possible, but had we let the German Balkan challenge go by the board, or hesitated to liquidate East Africa, recovery would have been hard work for a year or more ahead. Reuter.

FAREWELL TO QUO TAI-CHI

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, WAS AMONG THOSE WHO ATTENDED AN AT HOME GIVEN BY MR. QUO TAI-CHI, THE RETIRING CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, AT THE EMBASSY YESTERDAY.

The American, Russian and Belgian Ambassadors, the Greek and Thailand Ministers, Mr. C. R. Att'ee, Sir John Anderson and V. scout Simon were also present.

Chinese costumes worn by members of the Embassy staff mingled with British and foreign uniforms. Mr. Churchill was present at a luncheon earlier. Reuter.

RAPID ADVANCE IN ABYSSINIA

BRITISH FORCES ON ROUTE TO GIMMA HAVE REACHED THE RIVER OMO, 100 MILES SOUTH-WEST OF ADDIS ABABA, STATES AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE IN NAIROBI.

Having bridged the Awash River the column moving south from Adama has occupied Aselle with-out opposition.

Large quantities of material taken at Addis Ababa include surveying equipment valued at £10,000. Reuter.

MR. HOPKINS TO HAVE CHARGE

President Roosevelt has placed Mr. Harry Hopkins, his special envoy, to be officialy in charge of the purchasing and acquisition of war materials for all countries under the Lend and Lease Act, says Reuter from Washington.

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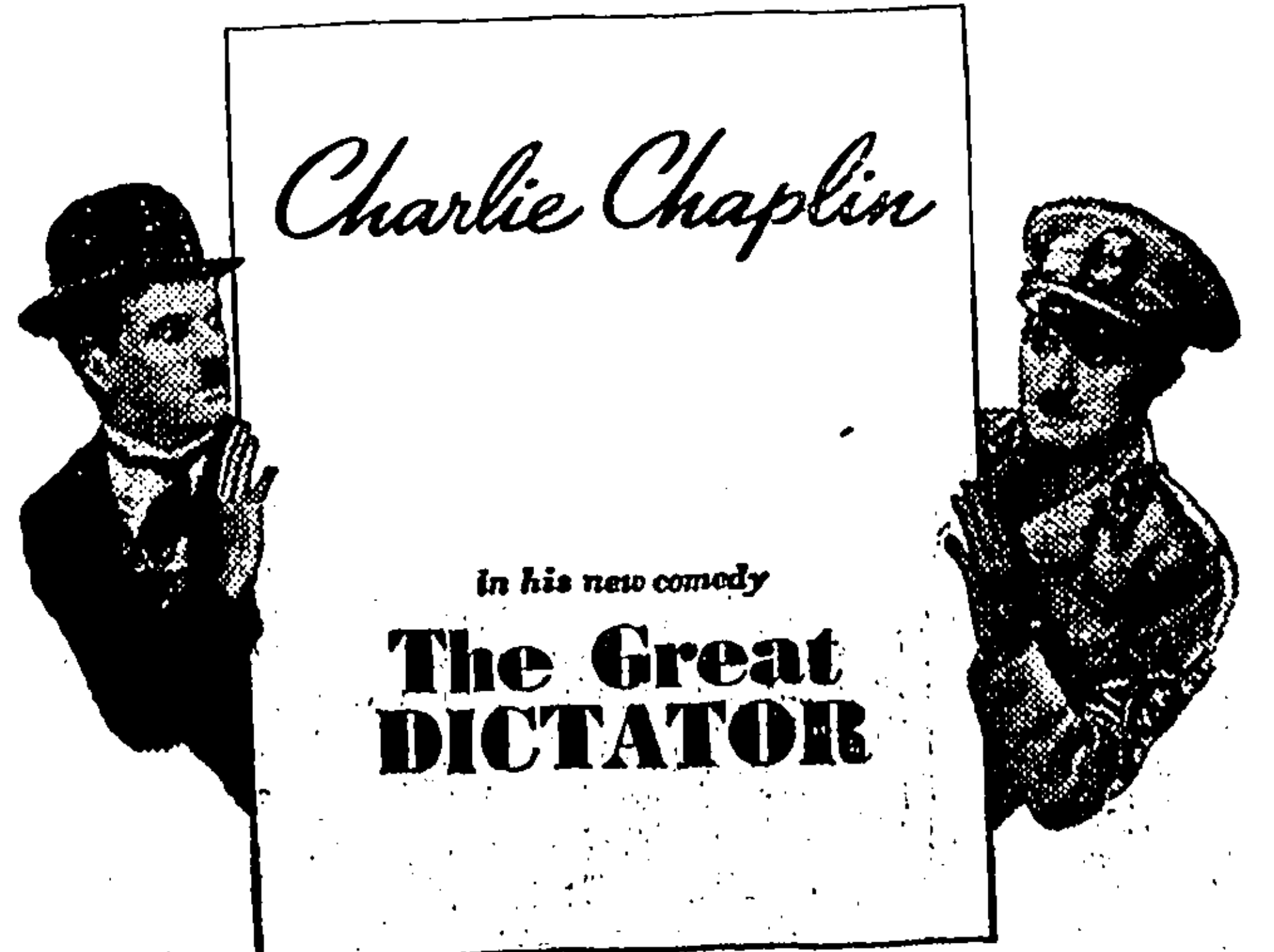
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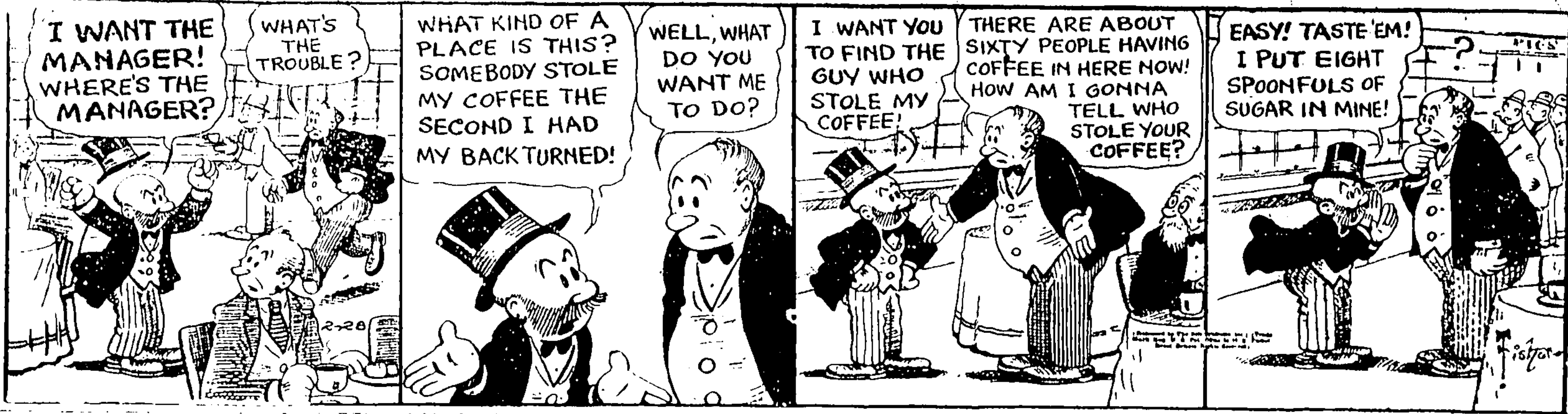


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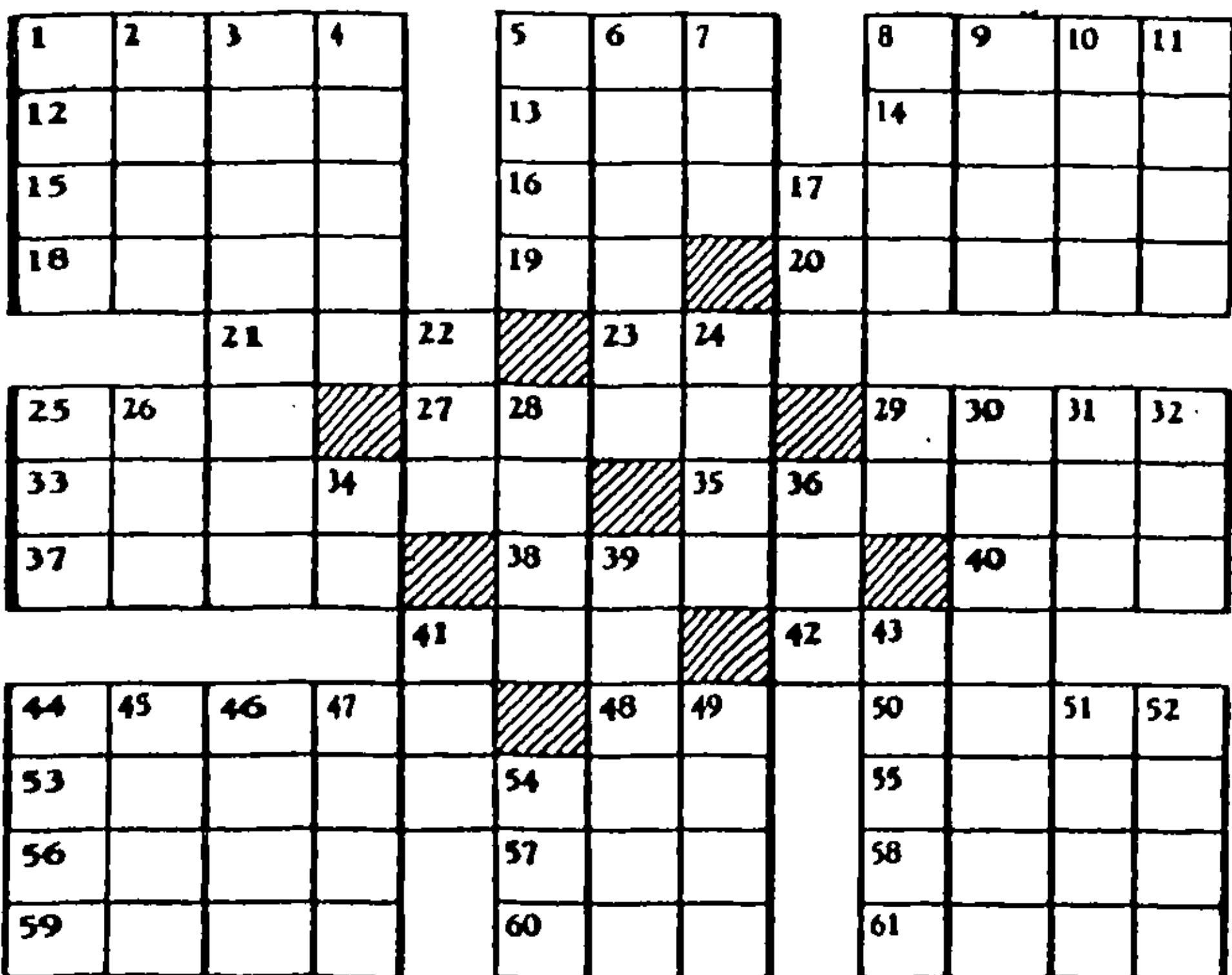
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 - Otherwise
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 - Consumes
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 - Exists
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 - By
 - Youngsters
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SIR DELVES BROUGHTON COMMITTED

Sir Delves Broughton was committed for trial in Nairobi yesterday on a charge of murdering the Earl of Erroll.—Reuter.

JAPAN MORE CAUTIOUS

After the first flush of enthusiasm for the new Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact, Japanese newspapers have adopted a more reserved tone.

Caution is urged and the view is expressed that unless Moscow suspends help to China and reaches an agreement with Japan on various issues at present outstanding between the two countries, the Pact will be valueless. One newspaper says the Pact should not be construed as a gesture of goodwill to Japan, but as the natural policy of the Soviet Union which seeks to profit by the wars of others.—Reuter.

DECISIVE PERIOD OF WAR

"WE ARE NOW IN THE MIDST OF A DECISIVE PERIOD IN THIS WORLD WAR," DECLARED THE U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, COL. FRANK KNOX, GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION OF THE LABOUR SITUATION AND DEFENCE YESTERDAY.

"Step by step I see my country gradually being encircled and isolated, and should disaster come to those actually engaged in this war, I see this nation surrounded by nations who have made known how they feel about our nation and our institutions." — Reuter.

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JAPAN'S "WAR OF NERVES" EASES

TOKYO KNOWS AMERICA WILL FIGHT

(This is the first of several uncensored articles appearing in the "Manga Bulletin" on the Pacific "war of nerves" as seen from within Japan by an American observer).

JAPAN TO-DAY is seeking an "honourable" escape from the international swamp into which irresponsible officers in China and other army extremists have led her.

The "war of nerves" has ceased considerably within Japan because officials have backed down from their previous challenging attitude toward the United States.

But the danger has not been eliminated. Possibly it has not even been lessened. That war of revolution alone can solve the multitude of problems which daily grow larger around the patient, bewildered people of the archipelago.

High ranking Japanese army and navy officers finally are convinced that the United States will fight to protect what they consider inconsequential rights in the Far East. America's recent policies in the Orient have been sufficiently strong to impress some of the short-sighted army extremists who are responsive to only one appeal force.

Their support has enabled the more intelligent navy to convince the high command that at least a temporary halt must be enforced on actions calculated to over-excite the "excitable Americans."

Prior to Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka's European junket, the high command decided to restrict its "power politics" for the moment to Great Britain's Far Eastern possessions and, of course, French Indo-China, Thailand and the Dutch East Indies.

Reason Plain

Even the problem of the East Indies, the key to Japan's aims, has been softpedaled recently, despite the discouraging prolongation of current economic negotiations. The reason is plain: The United States has identified herself too clearly with the future freedom of Batavia.

The Japanese are less reluctant to move against Britain because they believe her to be too weak to care much about the Far East. Furthermore, the high command hopes to test by this relatively safer approach whether Washington is actually prepared for large-scale hostilities.

Japanese policies are within the framework of a long-range dream but they are acutely responsive to international developments. The high command is not yet convinced that the United States is prepared to fight for Britain's Far Eastern possessions. They classify numerous statements to this effect as mere propaganda.

Anti-British Campaign

The anti-British campaign, as a temporary means of postponing decision on the fundamental question of war with the United States, is typically Japanese. It enables them to impress their people with greater strides toward the "East Asiatic co-prosperity sphere." They can strengthen their position in the event a move against the East Indies becomes inevitable. And, they hope, it may allay some of America's "stubbornness" which has been apparent, even through the censored Japanese press.

Whether the campaign is accelerated or muted depends largely upon what Matsuoka brings back from Europe—whether instructions from Germany or the conviction that Japan is in danger of duplicating Italy's folly. They latter observation, which some Japanese are beginning to see, may be uppermost in the foreign minister's mind after the Yugoslavia crisis and Britain's latest victory in the Mediterranean.

Oil Supplies

Foremost among the forces driving Japan southward is the widely held belief, in Japan, that she must do so in order to insure her national life. The strategic element in this situation is oil.

The United States, by its power to embargo oil, holds a headman's axe over Japan. The East Indies provide her only other source for fuel in sufficient quantities and of sufficient high-content to run her war machine. Japan lacks the foreign money necessary to purchase East Indian petroleum even if the Dutch were willing to sell unlimited quantities.

A satisfactory commercial agreement might have been possible between Batavia and Tokyo if, at the outset of negotiations, the Japanese had proceeded cautiously. The Dutch were willing to grant concessions, possibly against American and British advice, in order to insure peace. But the Japanese duplicated many of their previous diplomatic blunders by insisting that politics—meaning Japan's "rights"—be considered simultaneously with economic matters. Now the Dutch are wary. With more active American and British support, they are demanding cash on the barrel head.

False Hopes

Fed repeatedly on false hopes and long sick of the China affair, the rank and file of Japanese have new and dangerous faith in the emergence of the "co-prosperity sphere."

At the outset of the current "emergency period," beginning with the Manchurian incident of 1931, they were regaled with the dream of a "yen-bloc" which would alleviate the ills of a scanty group of islands where raw materials were lacking. The government finally admitted, last April, that what they sought—what thousands of Japanese had died for—was not within that area.

The "co-prosperity sphere" was elaborated by politicians. The

NAZI GENERAL KILLED

General Roettig, a German officer, has been killed during a clash between Polish armed bands and German police.

There has been serious fighting with armed bands of Polish soldiers in hiding, says "Deutsche Rundschau."

MAXIMUM FINE IMPOSED

The maximum fine of \$1,000 or six months' hard labour was imposed on Ma Tse-choi, 31, described as the master of the Kwong Shun firewood shop, by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for a breach of the Defence Regulations, by keeping a firewood shop without a licence.

According to Sgt. Kinlock accused had opened a shop at No. 67, Main Street East, Shauiwan, for a little over a week.

Accused said he had applied for a licence, but had received no reply.

Sgt. Kinlock declared that accused made no attempt to apply for a licence.

Mr. W. J. Anderson, Controller of Stores, and asked for a serious view to be taken.

people still have faith in it—a faith that might produce unpleasant domestic repercussions if Japan falls short of her goal. The fishermen and shopkeepers have endured hardship and personal loss for too long without tangible reward, beyond platitudinous government statements which now are falling flat. Even the patient Japanese can reach the breaking point, as has been demonstrated repeatedly by their stormy internal history.

SOVIET ACTION CONDEMNED IN CHUNGKING

"The Soviet-Japanese Pact facilitates China's enemy and prejudices China's rights and interests," says the "Ta Kung Pao" in Chungking.

"The most deplorable part of the joint declaration concerns Manchuria and Outer Mongolia. Russia accepted the League resolutions denouncing the Japanese invasion of Manchuria while she undertakes, under the Peiping Agreement, not to sign any treaty affecting China's sovereign rights.

"The Soviet declaration is a violation of Soviet treaty obligations. We have nothing to say about Japan, which is our enemy, but the Neutrality Pact is a regrettable and deplorable event in Sino-Soviet relations.

"Hereafter we must continue our resistance despite the difficulties, while Britain and the United States must intensify preparations to meet a new crisis in the Pacific."

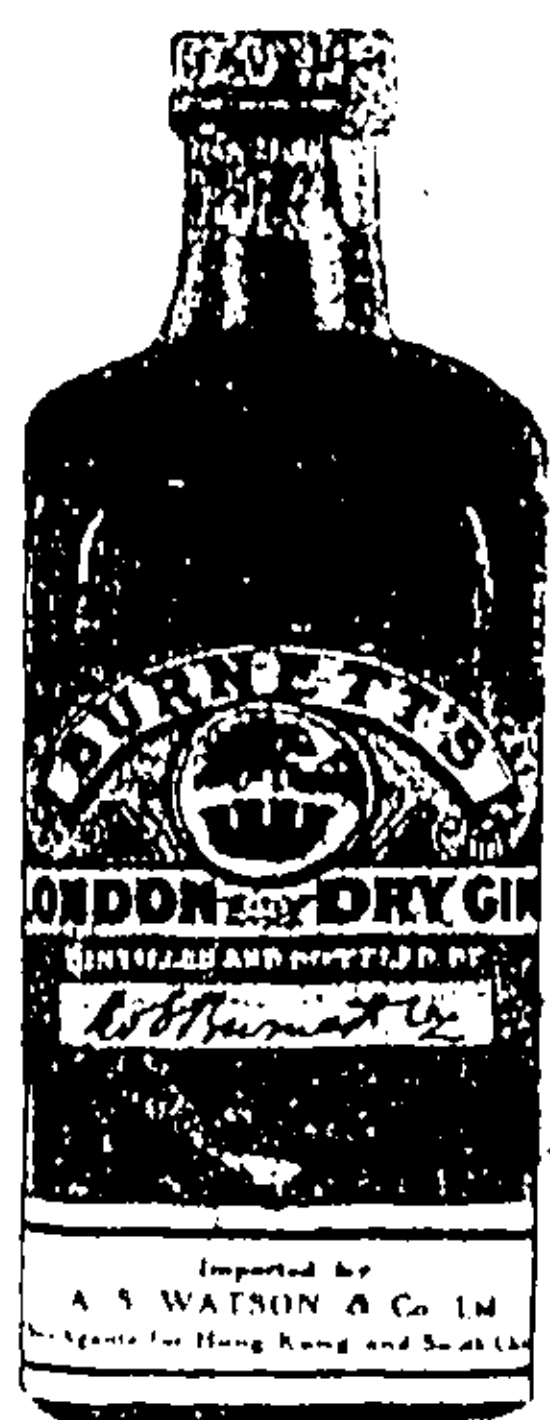
The "Hsin Hua Ji Pao," Communist Party organ, on the other hand, claims the Pact does not violate the spirit or letter of the Sino-Soviet Non-Aggression Treaty and will not affect Soviet policy towards China.

After explaining that the Soviet-Japanese declaration is merely aimed at the liquidation of frontier disputes, without connection was the territorial sovereignty of China, the daily warns China against "anti-Soviet propaganda" and urges closer Sino-Soviet relations.

The official "Central Daily News" described the Pact as regrettable and deplorable, stressing the fact that it violates the terms of the Sino-Soviet Peiping Agreement, in which Russia not only recognised "Outer Mongolia" as Chinese territory but undertook to withdraw troops from that area within a specified time limit. — Reuter.

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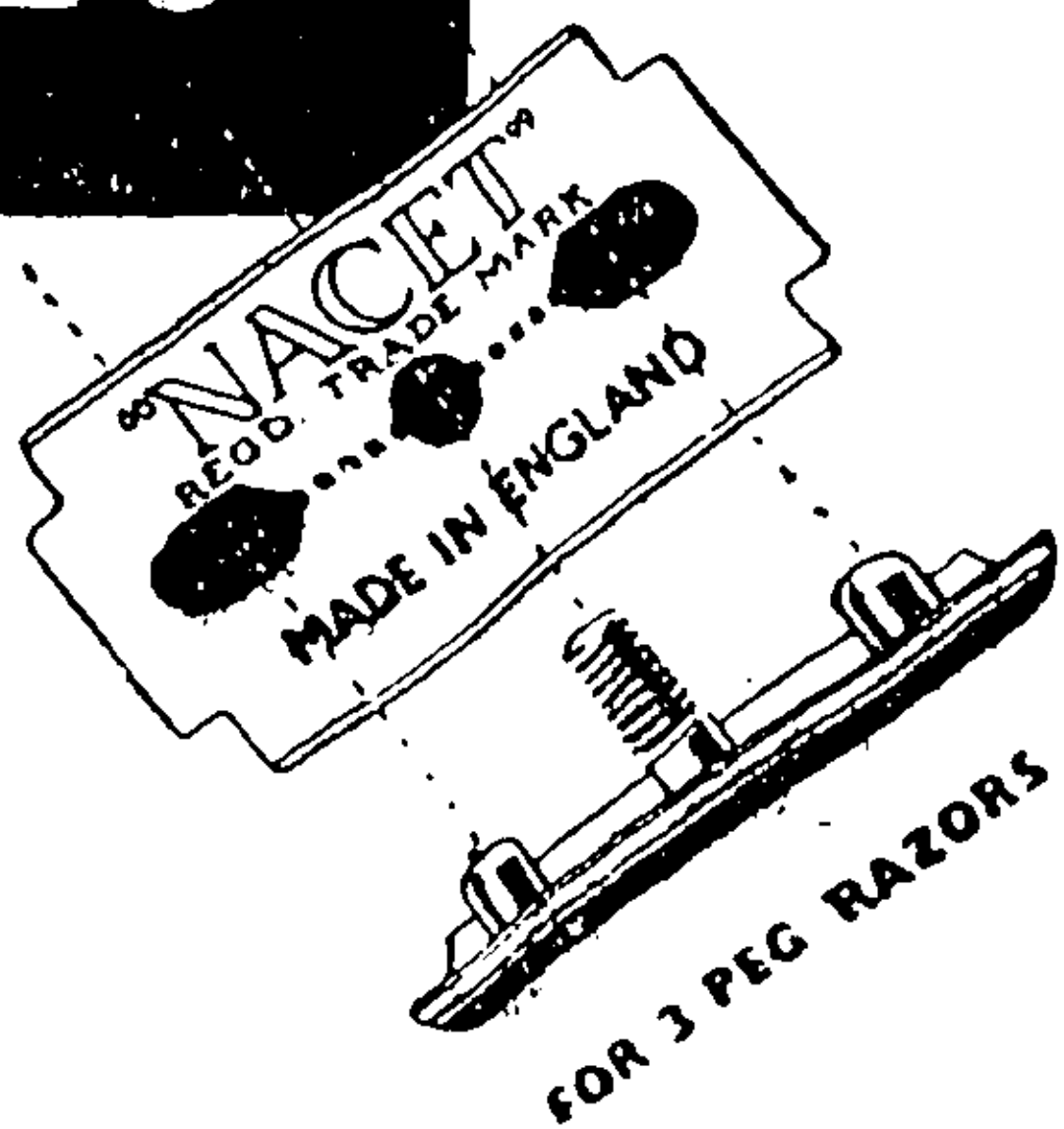
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NEUTRALITY PACT

Mr. Matsuoka went for a non-aggression treaty and is returning, thankful to have anything at all, with a neutrality pact. Those are the facts, and they seem simple enough until an attempt is made to adjust them to the wider international situation. The complexity of that riddle is best indicated by the widely varying opinions on the significance of the agreement. No two commentators agree on all points. Difficulty seems also to be experienced in all commentators agreeing on any one point.

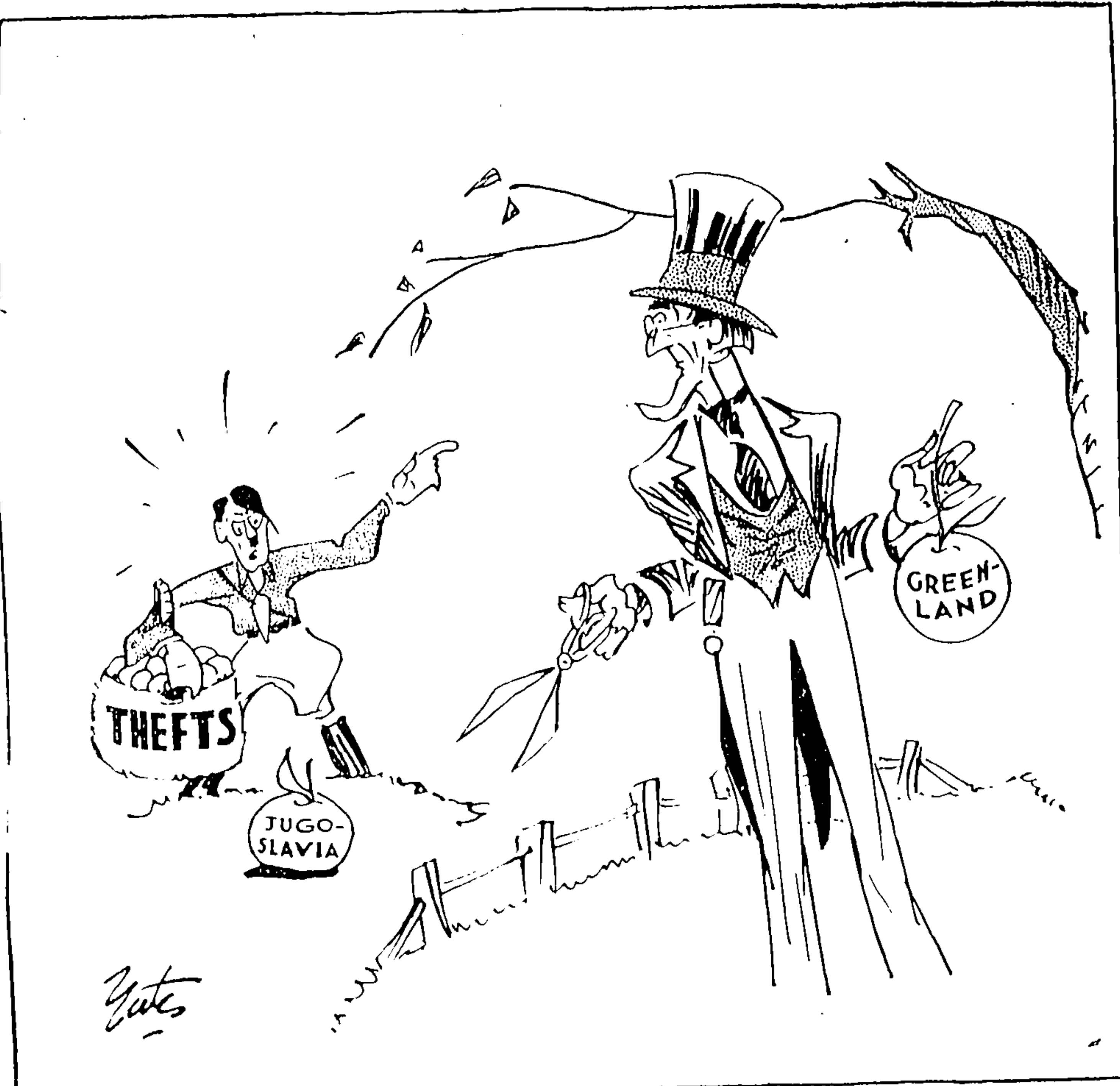
It is, nevertheless, extremely doubtful whether the Nazi hierarchy can find anything in the agreement to give satisfaction. The one factor which must have been ever-present in the minds of Mr. Matsuoka and M. Stalin when the text was being discussed was the existence of a military alliance between Germany and Japan. Yet Japan has accepted the role of neutral in any conflict in which Russia may find herself defensively engaged. Fresh from a survey of Axis might and resources, Mr. Matsuoka openly and heavily discounts the strength of the tie between Tokyo and Berlin.

Out of the pact, on the face of it, both countries secure new liberties of action, with a strong suggestion that both are likewise playing for safety. Pact values these days, however, are purely relative, and the most relevant issue in this case is the great imponderable: the degree of faith placed by either in the other's signature.

NAZI TACTICS

The device of broadcasting false news to create confusion and depression is an old German trick and it is being exploited to the full in the Balkans.

Three days ago, it may be recalled, the German High Command was credited with an official communique announcing the fall of Larissa, a report since exposed as a grotesque invention. On Monday night, they were insistently alleging that King Peter of Yugoslavia had fled to Athens on his way to London, that scores of transports were on their way to Athens to evacuate the British Expeditionary Force and that British troops were evacuating Tobruk. There was not, of course, the slightest foundation for



HU! THAT'S ILLEGAL!

All Fire Fighters Are Heroes

Popular, which I visited first on Monday, cleaner, upholsterer, milk-may fire team is one of the most busy men in the city. He's the secretary, store-keeper, taxidriver, shopkeeper, painter, labourer, plumber, and the more bombing they get there, the keener the people are in taking their own problems.

A full quota of incendiary bombs has fallen in the district, but, thanks to the thought of the Council, who sought and quickly got the cooperation of the people, the potential danger of these "fireworks" was considerably reduced.

Before the blitz started, they had 210 fire parties, and in September the number of volunteers had risen to over 2,000. To-day they are the most completely organised fire-watching and fighting units in the country.

Plan For Week

And what enthusiasm! I dropped in at the local "headquarters" of a group to find there must have been 50 of them. Sitting on chairs, cushions, settees and table corners in the home of Mrs. Brunskill, who doesn't seem to mind how they use her furniture so long as they get on with the job.

Her husband, a Port of London Authority worker, is a "big noise" in this sector, and with Councillor J. Ashley carries out the administrative side of the "business."

A mixed crowd. No time to get to their homes for a wash or food; they had come straight to Mrs. Brunskill's parlour for their weekly meeting.

There sat the secretary and chairman, taking reports from the watchers (and how thorough they were!) and making plans for the next week's rota.

Around the table were a win-

any of these reports, unless the arrival of transports carrying additional reinforcements for Greece could be so interpreted!

The only safe course these days when the war of the ether is scarcely less carefully organised than military operations, is to believe nothing, until it bears an official stamp from the Allied side.

By William Gibbons

they put in eight-hour shifts on their fire spotting. That surely must be something of a record. "It has its advantage," one told me. "You see, we haven't to dress to go to work. We're all ready."

I went on the roof with the spotters, who are armed with a hooter (a railway platelayer's horn). Their job is to watch the "fun" above and when they see any incendiaries to blow the horn and shout a message down to one of the "boys," who races to the nearest post.

When there's an alert the men can use a shed in a back garden that has been fitted with a stove and there's refreshment provided from a fund contributed by residents.

Competition

A chat in the "local," the proprietor of which has offered one of her larger rooms for meetings and recreation, and then a look around the various groups.

Councillor Ashley, I gathered, knows something about news. "Now here's a little item for you," he says to me, as we walked through a street that had been completely evacuated. "At that house you see a pail of water. Well, the woman who lived in the house is now a couple of streets away, but regularly she comes along and replenishes that pail with either water or sand! Can you beat it?"

All the women volunteers, he told me, had been instructed in the use of stirrup pumps and sand bags, etc. "But the men are so keen that they won't let the women come in on it," Mr. Ashley said.

I felt it was a night well spent. I had an insight into the real character of these men, who measure their contribution to the war effort in their strength and labours.

In Belgravia

On the following night I went to Eaton-square, in Belgravia, to the homes of people you and I rank as the rich "upper ten." What are they doing? Are they pulling their weight?

I soon found the answer. I dined with Major H. Cunningham Brodie and his wife in the quiet dignity and comfort of one of the few houses in that area that does not bear marks of bomb blasting.

The butler served dinner—all within ration restriction, let me say, even if enhanced by a professional cook—and disappeared.

He, like his employer, had other duties to perform. He is a member of a fire-watching squad and, one task over, he undertakes another more perilous out in a raid.

Major Brodie showed me the real meaning of adaptability. Partner in a firm of colonial merchants, he is a member of the Cavalry, City of London and Hurlingham clubs. That, you would say, indicates affluence. Yes. But it is all shed to-day. He is a post warden and has done much in organising fire-watching parties in his district.

He went out in the raid to see what was going on in the crypt of St. Peter's Church, where Prebendary Austin Thompson "houses" evacuated people.

Here was the perfect example of the deep shelter. Equipped with bunks, these people, of various nationalities, find blessed sleep and rest after the torments of bombing.

Back in her house, Mrs. Brodie—she is the daughter of the late Sir Robert Hart, former Inspector General of Chinese Customs in China—sat knitting in pursuit of her war effort. She is a member of a group who supply all kinds of knitting and needle work—hospital bandages, doctors' and nurses' masks, and clothing for bombed-out people.

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Hotel Profits Fall By Three Lakhs

THE INEVITABLE SHARP DROP in the transient traveller trade and the effect of the Hong Kong evacuation order upon the hotel business were mentioned to shareholders at the annual meeting of Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, held this morning, Mr. E. M. Raymond presiding.

A slump in profits by over three lakhs was recorded in the accounts and the Chairman said he was unable to hold out high prospects for the future, although local patronage of the company's facilities was well maintained.

The Chairman also paid tribute to Mr. J. H. Taggart, who recently retired from the office of Managing Director.

The Chairman said: "Before I proceed to review the affairs of your Company, I have to report with much regret the retirement as from the end of February last of Mr. J. H. Taggart, O.B.E., from the post of Managing Director."

The state of Mr. Taggart's health had given grave cause for concern for a considerable time. An improvement thereof did not eventuate, he was finally compelled, under medical advice, to make speedy arrangements to leave the Colony and in the circumstances, your Board had no option but to accept his resignation with extreme regret.

Energy Acumen

Mr. Taggart has applied very strenuous work in the service of your Company over a period of thirty-four years; our records inscribe his arrival in Hong Kong as June, 1907, when he took up a post with the Hong Kong Hotel Co., Ltd., which Company at that time operated the Hong Kong Hotel only. The subsequent widening of the scope of the Company's activities which took place involving pioneer work and merger with other Corporations, thus gradually converting the Organisation to its present size, was to a large extent impelled by his energy, acumen and judgment.

His constant exercise of those qualities, which he possesses to an outstanding degree, has enabled your Company to produce highly satisfactory results as well as to weather successfully certain periods of adversity which have been met, and he has moreover wrought much for the improvement of Hotel operation in the Far East generally. Although many Corporations registered in the Colony owe him a debt of gratitude in respect of the able assistance he has rendered to them, your Company has always had first claim upon his qualities of direction and your Board regard the enforced relinquishment of his office as a severe loss to the Company. I express the unanimous wish of the Directors for his speedy return to good health, a sentiment with which I feel sure you will be in entire accord.

In an endeavour to express recognition of Mr. Taggart's very valuable service to the Company over the past 34 years, your Directors unanimously decided to vote him a retiring allowance of \$50,000, and I feel confident their action meets with your approval as fitting in the circumstances.

New Managing Director

The Board has appointed Mr. P. H. Suckling to the post of Managing Director in succession to Mr. Taggart. Mr. Suckling has been employed with the Company for the past eighteen years and is thoroughly conversant with all branches of the Company's business. He has worked in very close association with Mr. Taggart during the past eight years and is, in the opinion of the Board, qualified to fill the position.

With regard to the Accounts submitted for your consideration to-day, you will observe that the primary source of credit to the Profit and Loss Account, represented by the item "Balance of Working Account," appears at \$619,787.88. This figure is some \$340,000 less than the amount of the credit under that heading for the previous year, and it reflects a diminution in earnings in Hong Kong attributable to the Evacuation measures effected by Government in July last year, coupled with the correlative restrictions now in force in relation to obtaining permits for entry to the Colony.

Adverse Effect

It has unfortunately been the task of the Chairman, presiding

at the last two Annual Meetings of your Company to report upon the adverse effect upon the earnings of your Hong Kong Establishments brought about, firstly, by the Sino-Japanese conflict, and subsequently, by a further disadvantage encountered due to the big reduction in shipping arrivals in the Colony experienced as an outcome of the War in Europe with a lack of transient patronage in consequence. I regret I have to report an immediate and severe further drop in our receipts from letting Hotel accommodation which followed the Evacuation Order referred to. Up to date a recovery in that branch of our revenue has not eventuated and at the moment a prospect of improvement is not apparent.

I am, however, pleased to be able to state that a review of the volume of local support accorded during the year to our various Restaurants, Ball Rooms and Cafes in Hong Kong provides a more cheerful aspect, such business having been maintained at the same gratifying level as pertained during the previous year.

Palace Hotel

With regard to our Establishments in North China, the operation of the Palace Hotel in Shanghai has again provided a highly satisfactory result. The substantial progress made during the year in the improvement work planned to guests' accommodation further stimulated business and the result achieved for the last accounting period surpasses previous records set for that Hotel. Unfortunately, as you know, the Shanghai currency suffered a further collapse during 1940, a factor which offset to a material extent the advantage of increased earnings when conversion thereof came to be made into Hong Kong currency for merger in the general accounts.

The Astor House Hotel tenancy arrangement, previously reported upon, worked smoothly during the year, and a satisfactory income accrued therefrom.

The Hotel in Peiping operated by our Subsidiary Company enjoyed still higher earnings in respect of its last financial year ended on the 30th June, 1940, than those reported in respect of previous years. Again, however, the factor of depreciated currency curtailed the benefit accruing to the parent Company, and the Dividend we received brought to credit in the Profit and Loss Account under the heading of "Dividend on Investments" at \$25,297.30 represents an increase of approximately \$5,000 only over the previous year's figure.

Profits Tax

Referring to items listed to the debit of the Profit and Loss Account, Corporations Profit Tax makes its first appearance therein in the sum of \$19,935 and is an apportionment of the assessment covering the nine months of the fiscal period which fell in our last financial year. The debit in respect of \$10,000 donated to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund is, I feel sure, unanimously approved by you. I do not think there are other items in the Profit and Loss Account upon which I need comment. The net profit earned last year is \$329,863.00 (compared with \$683,558.16 for the year 1939) and adding thereto the sum of \$335,947.20 brought forward from the previous account a balance of \$665,810.20 is provided for appropriation.

The Overdraft position with our Bankers is approximately the same as shown last year, the Dividend declared last year and the capital expenditure incurred during 1940 having been met out of working revenue surplus.

SURVIVORS OF BRITISH SHIP LANDED

Nineteen survivors of the crew of a British steamer were landed in Pernambuco yesterday from a Brazilian steamer which picked them up on Sunday.

The British vessel is reported to have been torpedoed. — Reuter.

You will doubtless expect me to remark upon future prospects. In that respect I am glad to be able to state that our Hotels in the North have been doing business to full capacity during the first quarter of the current year, but as you are aware the offset of exchange deterioration has worsened since the turn of the year. Moreover, in the North as well as in Hong Kong, operative costs are soaring rapidly and cannot entirely be passed on to patrons under prevailing conditions. With regard to Hong Kong Establishments, business from passenger arrivals in the Colony is sparse, and although we are deriving a satisfactory turnover from our various Restaurants and Ball Rooms, in the absence of a larger volume of "Lodging" Revenue the final results of our operations in the Colony at the present level of business can be but meagre. Our Garage Department, always a steady and satisfactory contributor to general results, is experiencing many difficulties as a result of the War. Units manufactured by our Principals in England cannot be obtained, and have been unobtainable for many months. Although car and truck units sufficient to completely fulfil known demands can be obtained from the manufacturers of the American product we represent we are barred from acquiring them by the local import restrictions.

At this juncture I desire to record an expression of sincere appreciation of the work carried out by the Members of the Staffs of the Company in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Peiping. All have worked in the Company's interests unremittingly in a very difficult period, and in a manner tending to the enhancement of the Company's reputation.

I beg formally to propose that the Report and Accounts be adopted, and that the balance of \$665,810.20 standing to the credit of Profit and Loss Account be appropriated as follows:—A Dividend of twenty-five cents per share \$298,466.75. Retiring allowance to Mr. J. H. Taggart O.B.E. \$50,000.00. Carry forward to 1941 Account \$317,343.45.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo, and carried unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. S. H. Ross proposed the confirmation of Mr. P. H. Suckling as Managing Director and the re-election of Mr. L. Kadoorie as Director, and this was seconded by Mr. C. M. Hall.

The re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as Auditors and the payment of an extra fee of \$3,300—for extra services performed during last year was proposed by Mr. V. C. Labrum and seconded by Mr. C. C. Blake. Both proposals were carried unanimously.

Those present included: Mr. E. M. Raymond (Chairman) the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. D. C. Edmondston, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie (directors) Mr. P. H. Suckling (managing director) Messrs. S. H. Ross, M. H. Lo, C. C. Blake, H. Gittins, C. M. Hall, Lo Yuk Tong, A. M. d'Eca, V. C. Labrum, D. W. Vawani, J. P. Sherry, (shareholders) Mr. E. O. Murphy (Acting Secretary).

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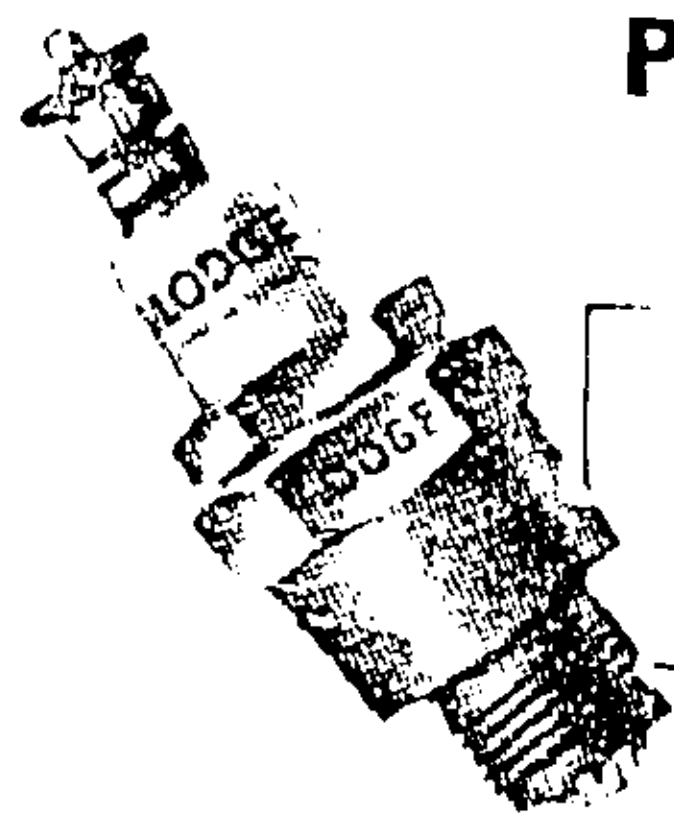
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WANG MAN SHOT DEAD

CHANG YANG-YI, ACCOUNTANT OF WANG CHING-WEI'S FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, WAS SHOT DEAD THIS MORNING IN THE FRENCH CONCESSION IN SHANGHAI.

He was preparing to leave the Chinese hospital where he had been an inmate for the past month, recovering from a wound sustained at the hands of terrorists.

Six armed Chinese invaded the hospital this morning and killed him on the spot. — Reuter.

CAIRO TAKES ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Following an interview between General Wavell and the Egyptian Prime Minister, it was reported from Cairo yesterday that the Egyptian Minister of Finance had announced that the Public Custodian has been appointed to take charge of the properties of Bulgarian, Rumanian and Hungarian subjects. — International News Service.

FAREWELL LUNCH

Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Britain, yesterday gave a farewell luncheon in honour of Mr. John Winant, U.S. Ambassador to Britain.

Other guests included Lord and Lady Lytton, Lord Cecil, Sir Alexander Cadogan, British Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Lady Cadogan, Mr. Herschel Johnson, of the U.S. Embassy, Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, Lady Cunliffe-Owen, Dr. Adams and Dr. Lindsay, of Oxford University, Mr. H. G. Wells, Professor and Mrs. Laski and Mr. Kingsley Martin, Editor of the "New Statesman & Nation." — Central News.

SNATCHER GAOLED

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning on Lei Ching-kei, 19, unemployed, for snatching a handbag from Miss E. Remedios of No. 9 Humphrey's Avenue.

It was stated that Miss Remedios was walking near Star Ferry Wharf in Connaught Road Central, when defendant snatched her handbag from behind.

Detective Sergeant W. Summers prosecuted.

GERMANS ADOPT A DARING LINE IN MENDACITY

WITH NEWS CHANNELS from Yugoslavia almost entirely under German control there is little reliable information regarding the course of fighting in the mountainous areas of southern Yugoslavia, and the Nazis' wireless services are being employed almost continuously for propaganda purposes.

Currency is given to rumours and reports designed to sap the fighting spirit of the Yugoslavs and to convince the world that resistance has been crushed.

These reports are of particular interest when considered in relation to the recent tactics adopted in the hope of alienating the loyalty of the Greeks.

The latter have been continuously told in recent broadcasts that they are being betrayed by the British, who have been accused of atrocities against the Greeks, particularly against those whom the British assisted to escape from Salonika, and they are urged to help the Germans to trap the British in Greece.

One such broadcast said: "Cut off the British retreat. Take away ships on which they intend to embark."

Daring Line In Mendacity

In yesterday's Nazi broadcasts even more daring line in mendacity was followed. After asserting as usual that resistance was in vain, Deutschlandsender and other stations put out utterly baseless reports that transports were assembled in Piraeus for the withdrawal of the British.

This story was improved upon by D.N.B., which in the evening announced that the British were already beginning to re-embark.

In a final flight of fancy this report was transformed into a special announcement in the transmission for Africa from the Zeesee wireless station, which stated: "The British Expeditionary Force is leaving Greece. Evacuation is taking place from various points along the Greek coast and at other points." — British Wireless.

FEWER JOBLESS

The number of men and boys registered at employment exchanges in Britain as wholly unemployed at March 17 was 172,660, a decrease of 44,886 as compared with February 10.

Of this total 36,408 had been classified as unsuitable for ordinary industrial employment.

Corresponding figures for women and girls at March 17 were 291,648 wholly unemployed, of whom 2,011 had been classified as unsuitable for ordinary industrial employment, 34,015 temporarily stopped and 919 unemployed casual workers.

As compared with February 10 the numbers of wholly unemployed showed a decrease of 39,781, those temporarily stopped a decrease of 10,803 and unemployed casual workers a decrease of 135. — British Wireless.

SPECIAL MILITARY BLACK-OUT

During the remainder of this week, all lights on military vehicles will be obscured or dimmed in accordance with the Black-out Order of 1940.

Drivers of public and private vehicles, on observing the approach of any military vehicle using restricted lighting, are requested to give every consideration to the difficult conditions under which the military personnel will be driving, and in order to reduce the risk of accident, should either dip or switch off their headlights.

TURKEY ON THE QUI VIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Turkish Government has begun large-scale recruiting among students at Istanbul University for a special corps of troops trained to combat parachutists.

This is the latest of a series of emergency measures to prepare for any eventuality which might transpire as a result of the German invasion of Yugoslavia and the occupation of Bulgaria.

Simultaneously it was learned in Istanbul that Germany this week is to conduct big naval and air manoeuvres off the Black Sea coast of Rumania and Bulgaria and near Russia's Black Sea coast.

Twenty Nazi submarines, assembled at the Rumanian naval base of Constanza, will take part.

Meanwhile Turkish school-teachers have been ordered to abstain from travel in order to keep them easily available to help organise and lead evacuations of children in the event of war. — International News Service.

SASSOONS DISMISS STRIKERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The management of the E. D. Sassoon hotel chain in Shanghai has dismissed all strikers and has decided to "start things anew with fresh employees."

Belief that the hotel strike was politically instigated is strengthened by the revelation that 1,000 of the strikers have not yet made demands.

The drastic action by the hotel management is expected to worsen the serious strike situation in Shanghai. — International News Service.

DOCTORS' MEETING

The next General Meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association will be held at the Chinese Merchants Club on Friday at 8.30 p.m. when Dr. Lydia Fehly will deliver an address on "The Prevention of Beri-Beri."

Ho Wan-tang, coxswain of the steam launch "Yuen Hang" was this morning fined \$10 by Commander J. Jolly for towing more than two boats at a time through the Southern Entrance of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter.

SEAPOWER WILL WIN

--Lord Halifax

Commenting on the war situation yesterday, Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, said "It has been necessary to withdraw from Libya to new positions, and although we have suffered loss in doing this we have made the enemy pay dearly for his advance."

Adding that a stream of reinforcements in men and material is steadily flowing into that theatre, Lord Halifax said this process was "greatly helped" by President Roosevelt's action in opening the Red Sea to American shipping.

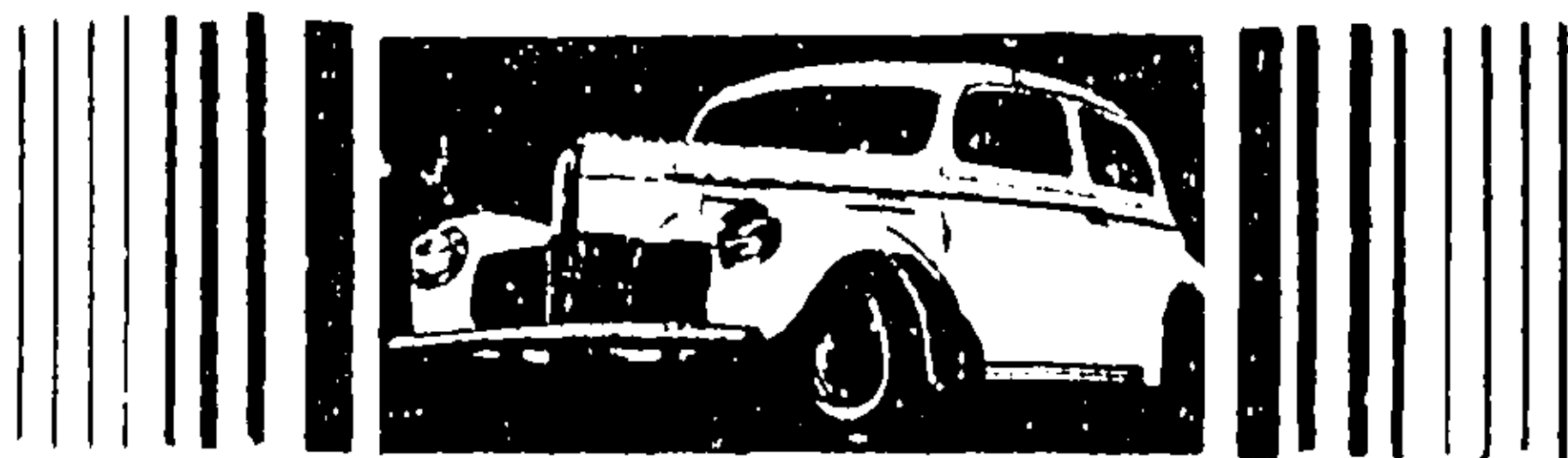
Pointing out that the R.A.F. was an "incomparably more formidable instrument than even a few months ago," Lord Halifax continued,

"The history of the struggle at sea since war began gives every reason to believe that the strength of sea-power is undiminished and in the end will play the largest part in bringing down the pillars of the Nazi temple." — Reuter.

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JAPAN'S MOTIVE

The "Central Daily News" in Chungking says that Japan's motive in signing the neutrality pact with Soviet Russia is obviously to evade her obligations to Germany.

"Japan," the paper says, "has never kept her pledge to international treaties. To-day she concludes a pact with Soviet Russia for the evasion of her obligations to Germany. She will reverse her action as soon as circumstances change."

"Didn't the Tripartite Alliance also create a sensation? But so

THEFT OF RIFLE

Tang Chi, 23, street coolie, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning with stealing a .303 rifle from No. 7 Police Station, with receiving stolen property and with unlawful possession of arms at Ko Shing Street on April 6.

Detective Sergeant T. Cashman asked for three days' remand which was granted.

far it has not been effective. If Japan is sincere, why is she still in a dilemma and undecided on the course to take?

"Judging by Japan's traditional foreign policy, she already harbours the intention of violating a treaty even when she signs it and she is ready to break off a friendship even when she cultivates it."

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Hong Kong, 12th April, 1941.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 17th April, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th April, 1941.

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♠ A Q 9 6 4
♥ A Q 4
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INT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	Pass

West led the nine of hearts, and South won with the Queen. The main chance, to make the hand high to find the club King in West's hand, for then a simple lead toward dummy's Queen would give South his twelfth trick. Also to be considered was the possibility of an end-play. If the player who had the fourth diamond also had the club King, it might be possible to put him in the lead with the fourth round of diamonds in such a position that he had to lead away from the King of clubs.

But South rejected this plan for two reasons. First, there was a little less than an even chance that the player who had the majority of the diamonds would also have any other specific card (such as the club King), while there was exactly an even chance to find the club King in the West hand. And second, even if the club King and the long diamonds were in the same hand, that opponent might wriggle out of the end-play by slyly blanking his club King.

But as long as South was thinking about the diamonds, he saw his "extra chance" which could cost him nothing. He could take the two high diamonds, after drawing trumps, and ruff a third diamond in the hope that dummy's ten would become established. If not, he could still hope for the King of clubs to be in the West hand. And as it happened, the ten of diamonds did become established, giving South his contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 10 5 3
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 10 4
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Maler
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass

(?)

ANSWER: Pass. The bidding indicates that your partner has stronger hearts than diamonds, since otherwise his rebid would have been four diamonds rather than four hearts. That being so, there is no reason to raise the contract to five diamonds because of your better support for that suit.

Score 100% for pass, 60% for five diamonds, 0 for any other bid.

Question 691

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ 6
♥ A J 9 4
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ Q 10 7 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maler	You	Schenken
1♠	2♠	(?)	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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GROWING SCALE OF EXPORT LICENCE SYSTEM

TO COPE WITH THE ever-increasing number of applications for Export Licences, which has turned out to be far greater than had been anticipated, and to solve the congestion at the Trade Control Office in the General Post Office building, the Controller of Trade, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, has, by arrangement with the Canadian Pacific Railways, secured the Chinese Passenger Office (Chater Road) temporarily for the use of issuing approved Export Licences.

In an interview this morning with the "China Mail," Mr. Hamilton stated that the export licensing may be said to have started in a comparatively small way with the issue of Government Notification No. 1229 in the "Gazette" of December 29, 1939. The sub-department was then housed on the third floor of the Fire Brigade Building above the Imports and Exports Office, of which Mr. Hamilton is Superintendent.

Fresh items were added to the Export Licence list from time to time and towards the end of last year it was decided that the sub-department should be moved to the second floor of the General Post Office building so as to be in close touch with the offices of the Intelligence Officer, Economic Warfare and Censor. Accordingly, the sub-department was transferred on March 16 last.

Shortly afterwards, however, the publication of an entirely new and much more comprehensive list (G.N. No. 366, March 29, 1941) caused an increase in the applications, far greater than had been anticipated, though of course there obviously would be a large one.

New Procedure

Under the circumstances, the present accommodation in the General Post Office Building was too cramped to allow of a reasonably quick turn-over and the extra accommodation in the Union Building has been taken over for issuing approved licences.

Explaining the new procedure, Mr. Hamilton said that applications are received at the General Post Office Building and when the messenger hand in the permit for approval he is given a numbered slip in return and goes away.

This permit, with a batch of others, is then taken to the examining rooms and those passed are sent to the new office in the Union Building where the numbers are called out and the messengers exchange them against slips correspondingly numbered, previously issued at the General Post Office.

"A great deal depends upon the orderly behaviour of the messengers, as this speeds up the work enormously," added Mr. Hamilton, continuing: "Firms can, therefore, help us by impressing on their messengers the need for this and for leaving immediately after they receive their numbered slips."

"Slips received in the morning are to be presented at the new office in the afternoon and those obtained in the afternoon are to be presented the following morning."

"I should recommend firms to collect the slips on the return of their messengers and only to return these to them when they are sent out again to collect approved permits."

GAMBLING RAIDS

That "Tse Fa" gaming den keepers who have had previous convictions are now to be recommended for banishment in addition to fines or imprisonment, was disclosed before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when three men were charged with keeping "Tse Fa" gambling houses.

Accused, who had previous convictions, were each fined \$75, or two months' hard labour, and recommended for banishment.

STOLE A BUS STOP SIGN!

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning on Lai Tsan, 43, for stealing a bus stop sign.

Accused was seen carrying the sign in Shantung Street by a constable. He admitted that he stole it from a bus stop in Jordan Road yesterday afternoon.

INDECENT ASSAULT CHARGE

A junk master, Kwok Yee, 54, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with indecent assault upon a 17-year-old girl, Chan Choi, on board junk No. 3176V, lying off Connaught Road West on Monday.

Defendant denied the charge, saying that he only struck the girl, when she tried to stop him assaulting his wife.

It was alleged that he forced dragged the girl into his cabin and took off her trousers about midnight on Monday.

The girl in evidence, told the Court that she was sleeping in her cabin with accused's wife when she was dragged by defendant into his room. She tried to yell, but he squeezed her neck. He then started to strip off her trousers and succeeded in doing so. She eventually broke away from him and raised an alarm. The party was then taken to the Police Station.

A Chinese constable said accused seemed to have been drinking when he arrested him. The girl was crying on board the junk when he arrived.

Defendant was committed and remanded until to-morrow for consideration of sentence.



A Mother's Advice.

Mother's with young children will do well to read the following lines from a Canadian mother, Mrs. J. Smythe, 21, Leak Avenue, Long Branch, Ontario.

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By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Exercise Routine Usually Includes Hip Bumping

Even thin girls, and under-weights, may have hips all out of proportion to the other body measurements. Too much sitting causes the buttocks to spread, and inactivity helps any excess weight to pad the hips and buttocks. Many girls who are quite normal in weight, will find they have an inch or more in hip measurement which they should not have if they desire perfect figures.

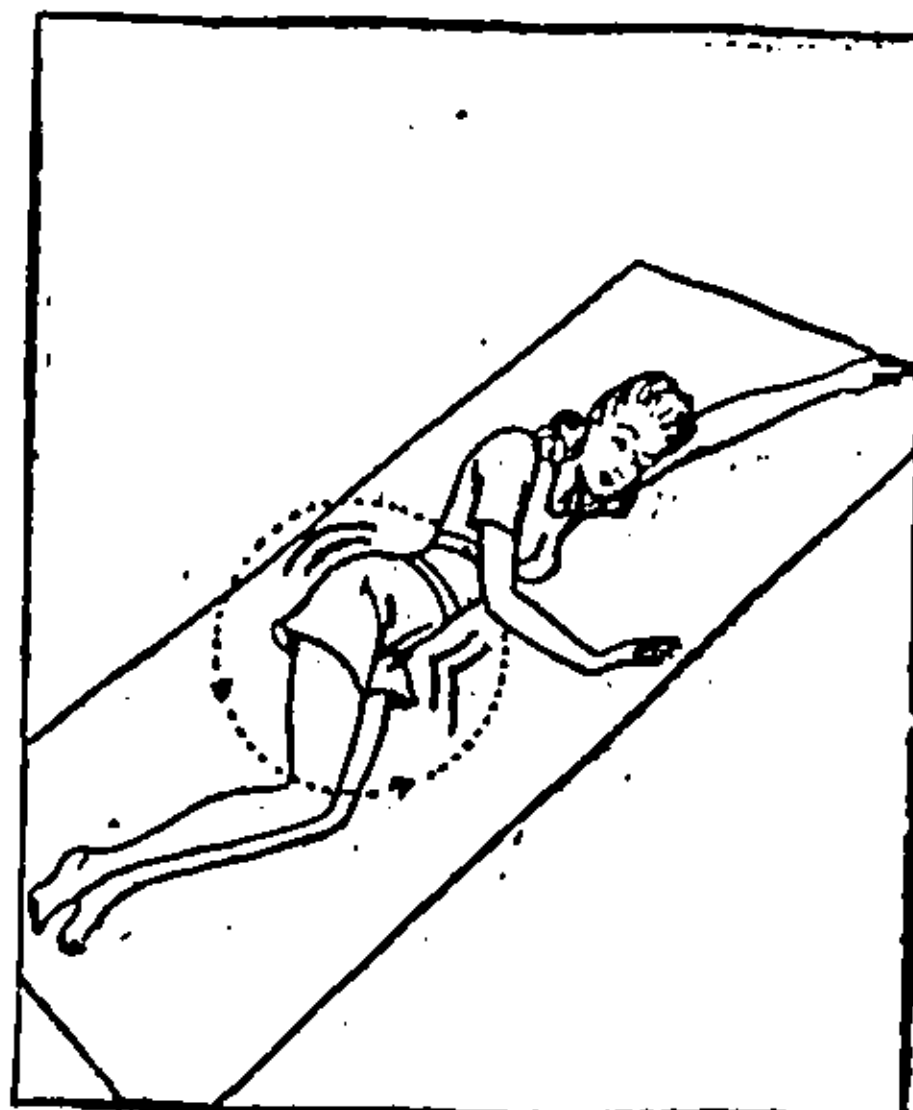
So hip exercises are ever popular—and particularly so in pre-spring when most of us begin to seriously refashion ourselves.

Unfortunately hip reducing exercises are the most strenuous of all and unless we tackle them with determination they will do little to beautify us.

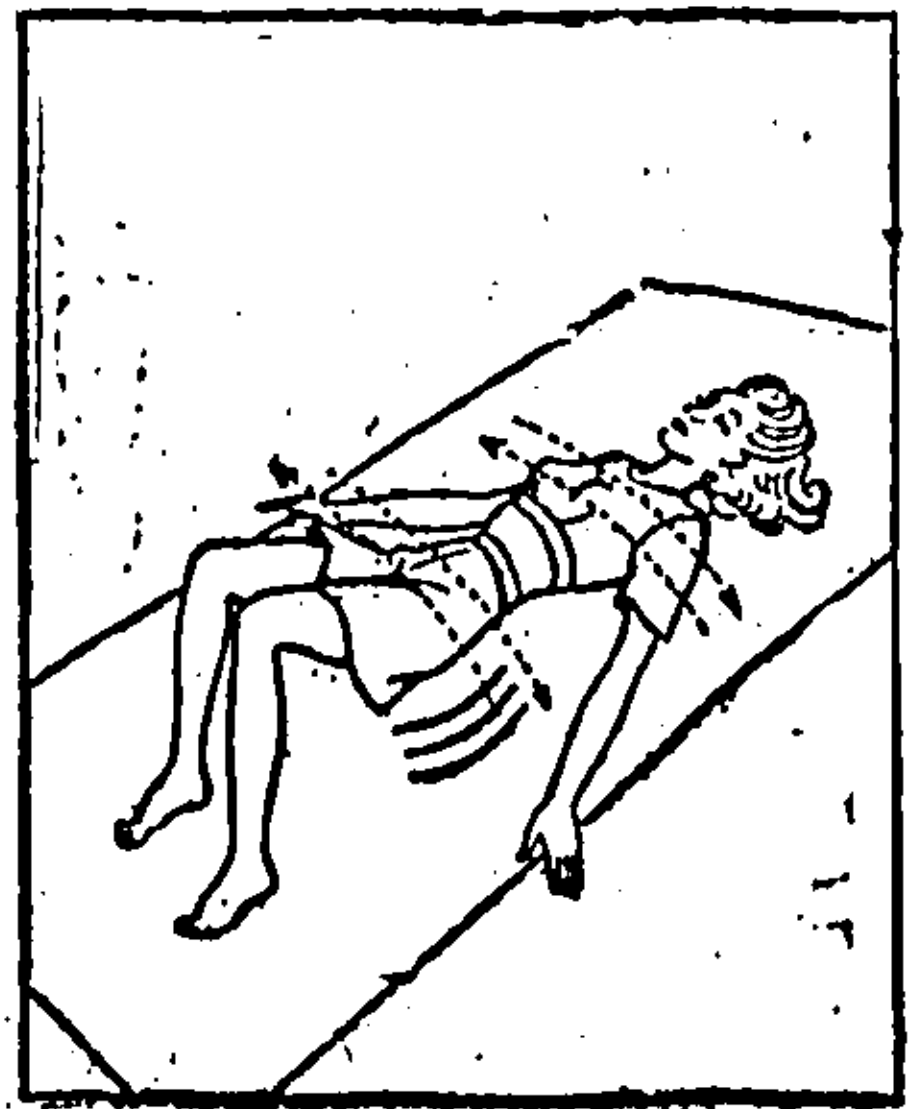
You must remember that any excess weight in this area was GRADUALLY accumulated—perhaps it took from seven months

to a year to make you conscious of bulges in the wrong places! So you cannot expect to whittle down those bulges in a week. It will take from four to ten weeks of daily, earnest exercising to get your hips proportioned once they have grown heavy.

To-day I'll give you two good exercises with which to start your whittling programme. Practice each ten minutes a day in a well-ventilated room, wearing shorts or a bathing suit which does not bind you as you work.



Exercise 1: Lie on a mattress which has been placed on the floor, or on a regulation exercise mat. Lie on your left side with head on arm, and left hand grasping top of mattress. Your right hand is placed palm downward in front of your body for support. Now bend both knees and force hips in circular movement (see illustration) by sliding on fatty part of left buttock. Slide in as big a circle as you can and make your midriff muscles do the work. After a few moments relax, turn on other side and repeat exercise.



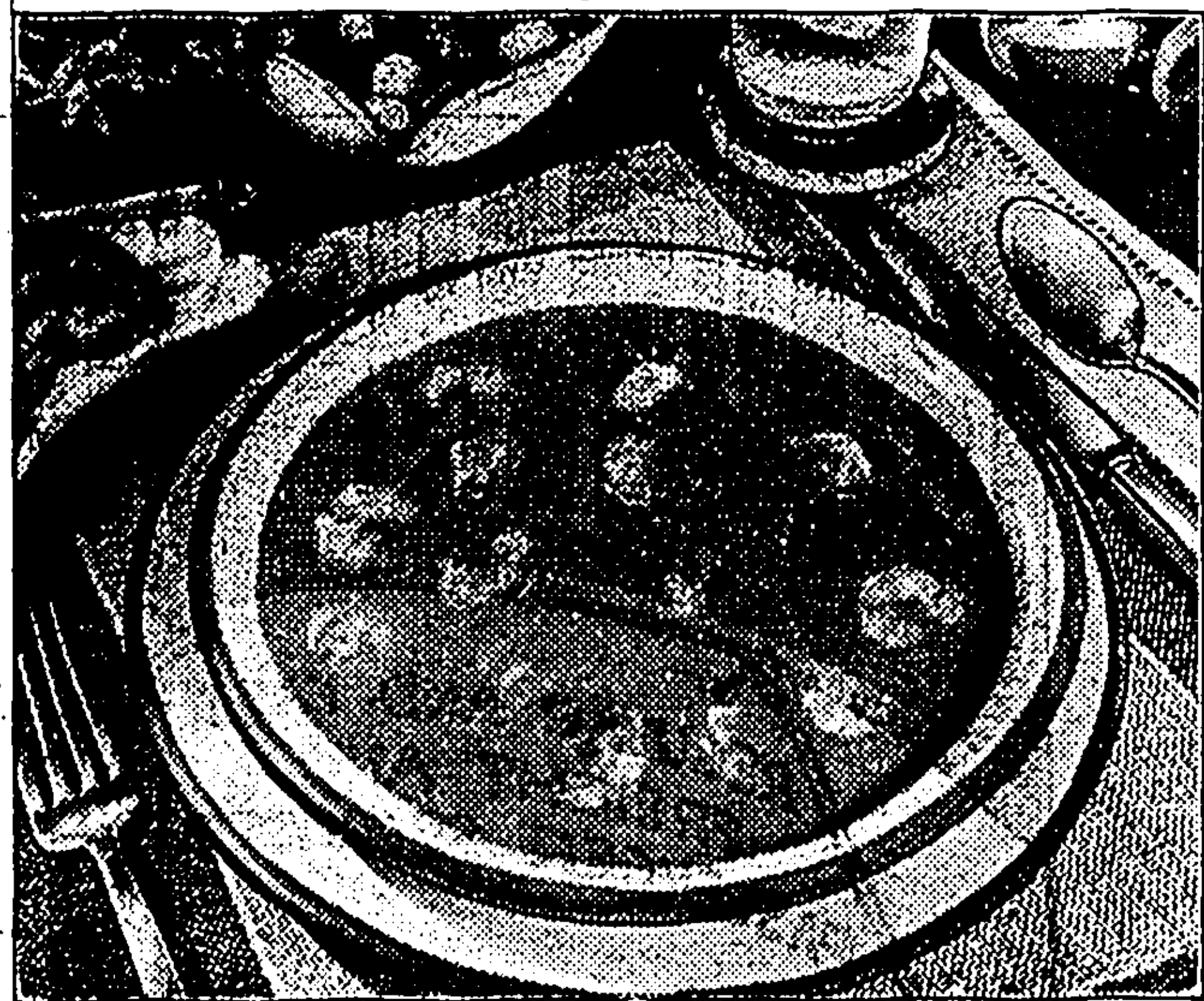
Now hold on to sides of mattress (it should be a firm mattress) and get into position illustrated above. Raise hips and come down on right buttock, raise again and come down on left buttock. Spank, spank, spank, spank, is the rhythm. The weight of your body falls on feet and shoulders. Again your midriff muscles do the work! Practice for five minutes, relax, repeat.

While you are lying in this position, raise your hips again and swing them in mid-air from right to left (they do not touch mattress this time). Your upper shoulders will get a deep massage by the mattress—this is good to reduce fatty portions of upper back and for strengthening the pectoral muscles.

SOUPS are comforting especially on raw, windy days

says Dorothy Greig

WHEN the members of the family stomp in wind blown and "half starved", that's the time to cheer them with big steaming platefuls of hot soup. What warm comfort it spreads and how satisfying to clamorous appetites.



Shrimp Supreme is substantial enough to be the main dish of a light meal.

There are various types of soup, each good at its own job. The thin clear soups, for instance, are stimulating send-offs for the more substantial foods to follow.

Stout soups filled with meat and vegetables are a real part of the meal itself. In fact, they are often the main dish for lunch or supper. Cream soups are smooth and usually bland in flavor. Highly nutritious, and because of the milk in them they are an especially good choice for children.

It's fun, too, to combine two or more flavors of canned soups, or take a single soup and add a few individual touches of your own. For instance, here is a soup which is a blending of three soups, and with shrimps added as well. It has wonderful flavor and is one of those soups that can be used as a main dish for a light meal.

Shrimp Supreme
1 can condensed pea soup
1 can condensed tomato soup
1 can condensed bouillon

1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup heavy cream
1 cup shrimps
2 tablespoons sherry
Stir the tomato soup into the pea soup. Then add the bouillon. Combine the milk and cream and add to

the soup with the shrimps (cut in small pieces). Heat to the boiling point and put in the sherry just before serving. Serves 6-8.

The man of the family will enjoy this soup:

Vegetable Soup, peasant style
1 can condensed vegetable soup
1 can condensed bean with bacon soup

2 cans water
Combine the soups. Add water and heat to boiling, then simmer 3-5 minutes. Serves 5-7.

And the next time you serve a thin soup try this one:

Hot Bouillon with Onion-Parmesan Rings

Onion-Parmesan Rings
6 slices onion (1/4 inch thick)
1 tablespoon butter
6 round slices toast
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Slice large onions in 1/4 inch slices. Cook the onion slices in butter on both sides until golden brown. Place each slice on a round piece of toast, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and heat under broiler or in hot oven.

Heat condensed bouillon or consommé with an equal quantity of water and serve 1 Onion-Parmesan Ring in each plate.

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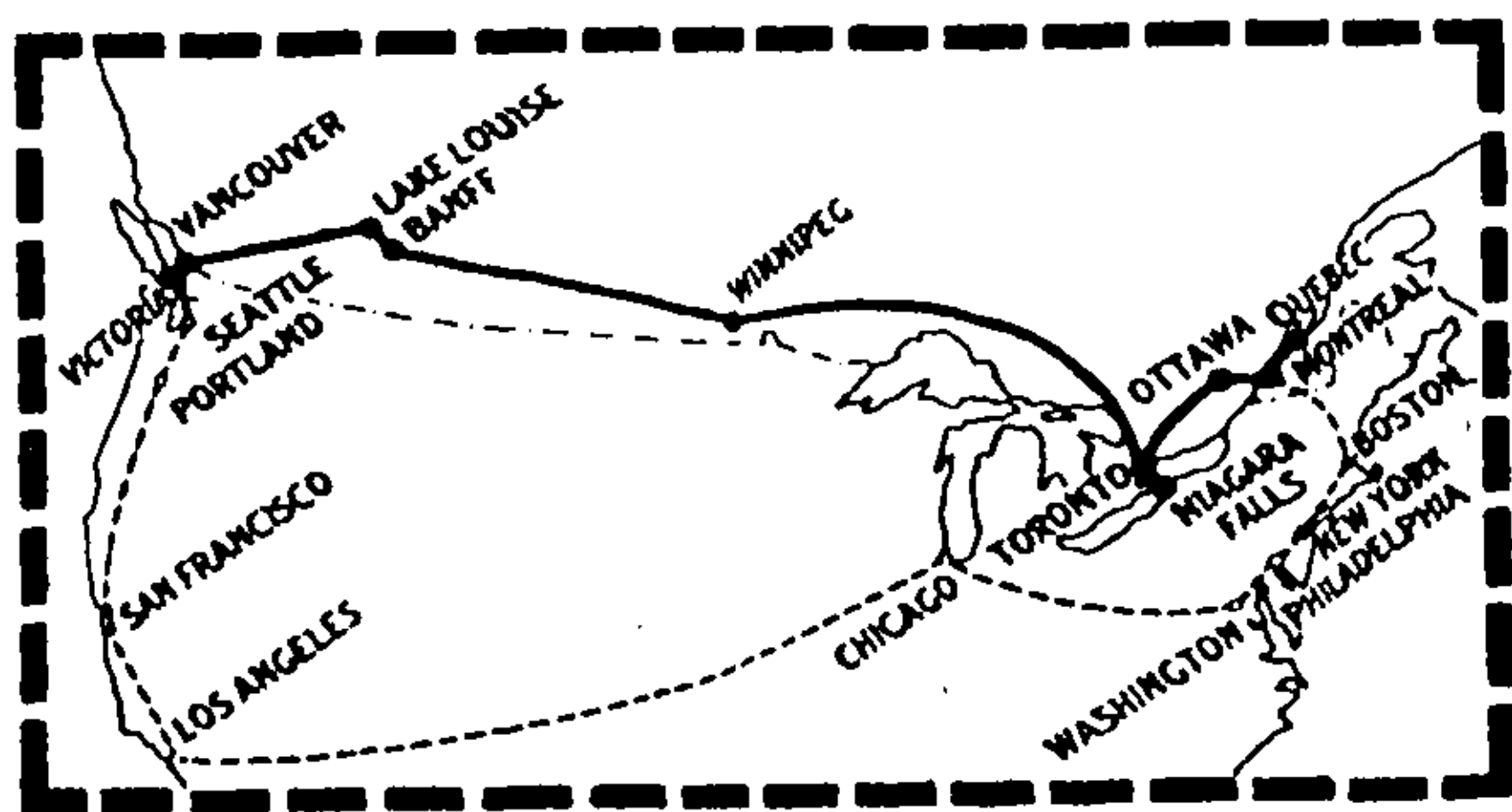
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Interest.

12.30 p.m.—Gerald & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—On The Sentimental
Side (film "Dr. Rhythm"). Fox-Trot
—My Heart is taking lessons (film
"Dr. Rhythm"). Tangos—Moonlight
Kisses. Poema Fox-Trots—It's
D'Lovely (from "The Fleet's Ill
Up"). I Hadn't anyone till You.
Rumba—The Lady in Red (film "Il
Caliente"). Quickstep—My Man
(film "Rose of Washington Square").
Waltz—There's Danger in the Waltz
(from "The Little Dog Laughed").

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—John Goss (Baritone) and
Cathedral Male Voice Quartet in Sea
Shanties.
Storm Along. Roll the Wood-Pile
Down. Nouse Irons A Valparaiso.
Senecammun Sta Lampa. Sally
Brown. Hanging Johnny. Whisky
Johnny.

1.12 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
Love in Idleness—Serenade (Mac-
beth). Court Symphony Orch.
Chinese Night Watch (Siede). Pe-
tersburg Sleigh-Ride Party (Eilen-
berg). Otto Dbrndt & His Con-
cert Orchestra. Bolero (Ravel).
Entrance of the Little Fauns
(Pierne). Jack Payne & His
BBC Dance Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and
Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal Long About Midnight (film
Swing Is The Thing from "Black-
birds of 1936"). The Mills Brothers
(Four Boys and a Guitar). Banjo
Medley. Intro. Is it true what they
say about Dixie. When a lady meets
a gentleman down South, etc.
Tarrant Bailey with Orchestra.
Vocal A Little Rumble in Spring-
time With You (Savory & Others).
Trust in Me (Ager & Others).
Greta Keller with Orchestra. Two
Pianos. Passepied. Intro. Scheizo
from "Sylvia" (Delbes and Alleyne-
Leonhardt). Destiny. Waltz
(Haynes and Alleyne-Leonhardt).
Alleyne & Leonhardt Vocal. Car-
avan (Ellington). The Mills
Brothers.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.
Swing Fox-Trots—Melody in Riff.
Monotony. Eddie Carroll & His
Swing Music Fox-Trot The Lady
on the Second Floor. Quickstep
It's In The Air (from the film)
Brian Lawrence & His Lansdowne
Orchestra. Fox-Trots Wings over
the Navy (from the film). The Old
Tin Helmet. The Organ. The
Dance Band and Me. Waltzes—
Charmaine. What'll I Do. Jose-
phine Bradley & Her Ballroom Or-
chestra. Fox-Trot I Can't Get You
Out Of My Mind. Harry Roy &
His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"From the
Old Country". Talk by Bernard
Wetherall.

7.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.
"The Gypsy Princess" Selection (Kah-
man). De Groot & The New Vi-
ctoria Orchestra. "The Three
Waltzes" (Oscar Strauss after Johann
Strauss). On Je T'Aime O. Paris.
Je T'Aime. Yvonne Printemps
(Soprano) with Orch. & Chorus.
"The Miracle"—Selection (Humper-
dinck). London Symphony Orch.
"Floradora"—Tell Me Pretty Mad-
en (Leslie Stuart). Victor Mixed
Chorus with Instr. Acc.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-
nouncements.

8.02 p.m.—Studio—Two Piano Recital
by Eddie & Michael Boder (by Cour-
tesy of the Parisian Grill).

1. Poet & Peasant Overture (Suppe).
2. In a Persian Market (Ketebe).
3. Nola.
4. Black Eyes and Two Guitars.

8.20 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

Night on the Bare Mountain (Mous-
sorgsky). London Symphony Or-
chestra cond. by Albert Coates.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Makers of Mede-
cine" No. 6: "The Looking-glass un-
der the Pillow" Sir D. Corrigan".

Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Chopin—Ballade No. 1 in G
Minor. Alfred Cortot (Piano).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions
of the Hour."

9.30 p.m.—Light French Variety with
Lucienne Boyer, Maurice Chevalier,
and others.

Fox-Trot—Ma Pomme; Slow Fox-Trot
—"Ah! Si Vous Connaissez Ma
Poule!"... Maurice Chevalier with
Orchestra. Valse—Vous Valsez...
Accordeonist Alexander & his Orch.
Valse—L'Hotel du Clair de Lune...
Lucienne Boyer with Orch. Valse
Musette—Accordeonist Alexander &
his Orch. La Java en Mineur...
Maurice Chevalier. Reve Secret...
Accordeonist Alexander & his Orch.
Mon Melleur Ami; Entraineuse...
Lucienne Boyer with Orchestra.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short
Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—Studio—The Second of a
series of Talks on Drama of Yester-
day and To-day by Evelyn Wood.
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10.35 p.m.—Strauss—Le Bourgeois Gen-
tilhomme—Suite, Op. 60.

Overture—Mehuet—Courante—

Entry and Dance of the Tailors—

The Master at Arms—Prelude to
Act 2 (Intermezzo)—The Dinner
Music—Menuett (Lully)—The Din-
ner Music... Walther Straram Or-
chestra of Paris.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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THE HONG KONG Anti-Tuberculosis Association is just bringing to a close its first year of work and a meeting of the Council of the Association, preparatory to the annual meeting, is to be held on Friday in the Legislative Council Chamber, when the report of the Executive Committee and the statement of accounts will be discussed.

Some discussion took place on the question of recommendations to the annual meeting regarding membership of next year's Executive Committee. The President suggested that the existing Committee be recommended for reelection but this was opposed by Mr. B. Wyhe because, in his view, such action would conflict with democratic principles.

views further that the general use of B.C.G. and *Vacc Bacillus* in this Colony should be deferred till further experiments have been completed, that the Association should press for, as a minimum, a 150-bed hospital and a 300-bed sanatorium for the treatment and care of T.B. patients, and that institutions should be built in non-malarial districts with sanitary facilities.

"There should be established," the report continues, "numbers of well-equipped Chest Clinics in town for the selection of cases to be sent to the institutions, these clinics to have not only X-ray equipment but also an independent laboratory of their own."

"Owing to the great prejudice against T.B., the Medical Department should be advised to instruct its Health Inspectors to be most tactful in dealing with notified cases, in order that others will not be encouraged to hide their disease and secretly spread infection."

The Sub-Committee also urged that a radiophotography outfit be purchased as soon as possible for a mass survey, adding 'We are fully conscious of the fact that it is impractical for the Executive Committee immediately to comply with all the varying recommendations and suggestions set forth, however desirable the suggestions themselves. It is hoped, however, that the most urgent deficiencies will be made up at the earliest possible moment.'

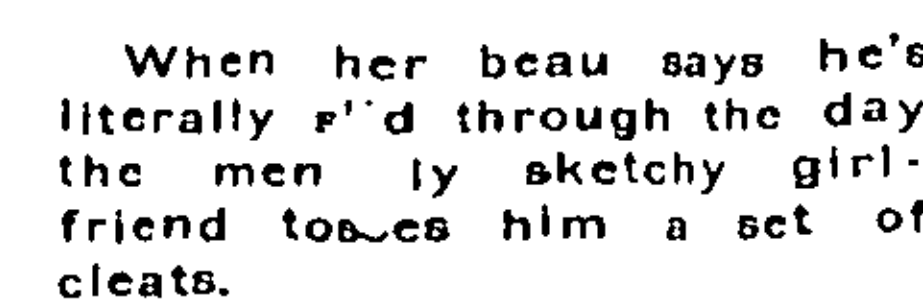
The Report of the Scientific Sub-Committee, of which Professor R. C. Robertson is chairman, has been co-ordinated with the reports of other sub-committees in the General Report. This Sub-Committee has made strong recommendations that the condition of houses in the poorer districts of the Colony should be looked into, that existing Government rules on house ventilation should be put thoroughly in operation, that the opening of open-air schools should be encouraged, and that the H.K. Association should appeal to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in England for help by sending out an expert to study the local tuberculosis problem and make recommendations. The Sub-Committee expressed the view that such an expert would carry much weight in stirring up government as well as public interest in the gravity of the tuberculosis problem.

The Committee expressed the

The Annual Report to the Shareholders of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., shows the loss for the year, after providing for depreciation of steamers at the usual rate, repairs, etc., is \$268,118.01 which has been transferred to Profit & Loss Account bringing the debit of that account to \$236,378.42, which the Directors recommend to be carried forward to a new account.

The usual overhauls and repairs were effected during the year to Company's fleet of steamers which are all in good running order.

The Mediterranean situation was responsible for the generally cautious tendency prevailing on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Prices were widely marked down but there was no selling pressure. Oil shares and European bonds were especially easy but industrials kept relatively steady and gilt-edged closed steadier. Japanese and Brazilian bonds also declined. Wall Street was barely steady. Reuter.



Boys from Farm Street School, Birmingham have been evacuated to Maerdy Farm, Onen, Monmouthshire, and are putting in some good work helping with the farm duties. One of their jobs is to take the milk to the collecting point in the donkey cart daily.

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St. Joseph's Confound Critics

Frankie Gonzalez Again In Pitching Form

Charity Games On Easter Monday

By "Grandstand"

CREAM ALWAYS comes to the top, and the talent in the pennant-winning St. Joseph's certainly rose to the surface, when they asserted their superiority over the Stanley Mohawks, and, despite the fact that the wise-guys doped a Collegian massacre, the Saints humiliated the Tribe 7-1 in the night-cap of Monday's double-header staged for the benefit of the Chinese "warphans."

There is a saying that every batter has his own weakness, and youthful Collegian hurler Frankie "Bashful" Gonzalez sure enough found the blind spots of the Mohawk clan, as he only yielded five measly hits for nine semesters—or maybe the Tribe didn't have their hitting suits on.

Gonzalez fanned none and walked none, whilst the Collegian braising batters nicked Mohawk chucker Cy "Screwball" Jones for nine safeties.

Air-Tight Ball

Both sides played air-tight ball for the first four frames, a string of horse-collars decorating the score-board, and it was not until the fifth canto that the Mohawks managed to chalk up their lone tally on a bobbie and a fielder's choice. The Saints, however, took the lead in the sixth, with a cluster of four counters on only one hit, when the Mohawks busted wide open, committing five errors, which helped to pile up the runs. Another spurge of three markers in the ninth just about clinched the game for the Saints.

The Mohawks staged a twin-killing in the first frame when Hank Ali was caught off first base after Art Ozorio had popped out to hindsnatcher Joe Morris, whilst Davis and Morris were both erased when the former got signals all crossed up and lined out to George Souza instead of laying down a bunt.

Johnnie Davis was the most surprised man in the ball park when Umpire Nick Beltrao thumbed him out as the ball was relayed to first-sacker Stan Leonard to complete the double play.

Souza and Ozorio, guarding the keystone, were the spark of the infield, stopping everything that came their way, especially the latter, who dished out a fielding gem, when he cut off Johnson's blow to short right, which had base-hit written all over it.

Hurler Frankie Gonzalez led the Collegian slugging parade by connecting safely three times in his five trips to the plate, but stood still on a groover with two big ones on him for a strike-out victim.

Betty Fitzgerald Shines

In the curtain-raiser, the Wildcats clawed their way over the All Stars for a 9-5 triumph. Wild-

CHINESE FEDERATION TEAM CHOSEN

Following have been chosen to represent the Chinese Federation in the Final of the Governor's Cup Competition on Saturday:

CHINESE FEDERATION:—Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao), Tsang Chung-wan (South China), and Ng Kee-chong (Eastern); Lau Hing-choy (South China), Hsu K'ing-seng (Eastern), and Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); C. T. Tsao (Eastern), Chan Tai-fai (South China), Lee Wai-tong (South China), Capt. V. K. Hyui (Eastern), and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—Lee Kwok-ko (Kwong Wah), Hau Xung-sang (Sing Tao), Tso Kam-hung (South China), Lo Wai-kuen (Eastern), Lau Chi-chen (Eastern), Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao), Yeung Shui-yick (Sing Tao), Cheung Kam-hoi (Eastern), Chuck Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Chau Man-chi (South China), Wong King-cheong (Kwong Wah), and Yau Wah-hing (Kit Chee).

Manager:—Sze Po-wai and Lam Chung-ho.

cat slabster Thelma Collaco whiffed six and walked three, whilst Mary Ng, toeling the rubber for the All Stars, fanned four, but issued five free tickets to first.

Redbird Betty Fitzgerald, the 'rookie of the year,' came through with flying colours, returning a perfect three in three stick performance, whilst Wildcat third-sacker Gloria Mar, slashed out the longest hit of the scuffle with a triple, but was nailed at the counting station as she tried to stretch it into a four-master.

NEW COTTAGE CLUB TROPHY

The Cottage Club will hold its next hunt in the Dill's Corner country on Saturday, the winner of the hunt to receive the "Kiki Cup," a trophy which has been donated by Madame Louis de San, formerly Miss Kiki de Chaffoy de Courcelles.

Ponies will be drawn for at the Club at 3 p.m. and the hunt will start from Dill's Corner at 4 p.m. In the evening, a supper will be held at the Club house, prior to which Madame de San will present the Cup to the winner.

TENNIS REMINDER

Club Secretaries are reminded that entries for the Tennis League close to-day. Entries are to be sent to Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association.

WOMEN'S BADMINTON

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY MISS U. KHOO

On the form revealed in last night's ladies' doubles Colony championship matches, finalists are likely to be Miss Mylthie Silva and Miss Maggie Xavier, and Mrs. Nora Castro and Miss Thelma Gonzalez.

A very high standard was seldom reached in the course of the four matches played but there were some interesting rallies and the great keenness of all participants made all the encounters interesting.

Although she figured on the losing side, Miss Ulian Khoo was the best player on view. In partnership with Mrs. Peggy Wilson, she gave a fine all-round display and it was chiefly due to her efforts that such stern opposition was offered to the powerful combination of Miss Marie Ribeiro and Mrs. Olga Ribeiro Silva.

Miss Mylthie Silva and Miss Xavier, although their opponents took 11 aces in the second game, were never in any difficulty and their match with Mrs. Silva and Miss Ribeiro in the next round should provide some of the best badminton in this event.

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Castro, she and Miss Gonzalez easily beat Miss White and Miss Wong and on their showing

POOR TENNIS MATCH

By "Adrem"

In easily the worst match seen on the Stand Court thus far, E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung yesterday beat Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui 6-1, 6-4 in the Colony Open Doubles tennis tournament.

None of the players were in anything like decent form and there were not more than a couple of rallies that amounted to anything. Most points were won on errors and the C.R.C. pair making more, they naturally lost.

The first set took exactly 10 minutes and, after Kong and Fung had gone into a lead of 4-1 in the second, and there appeared to be reason for expecting that the standard would improve, Fung went all to pieces, and Fincher and Hung took the next five games in a row to win the set and match at 6-4.

To-day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES

Semi-Final
Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Ip v S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
C. H. R. Oxlade (-15.2) v R. E. Guest (-15.1) (7).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
Semi-Final
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (-15.2) v H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth (-15) (8).

POLO CLUB GYMKHANA

In aid of the B.W.O.F., the Hong Kong Polo Club will hold a Gymkhana at the Polo Ground, Boundary Street, Kowloon, shortly. The first event will be a Show Jumping competition for two classes—Australian and China Ponies. There will be six different jumps of the usual Show Jumping type, varying in height from three to four feet.

The entrance fee will be \$5 each pony, and entries should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Polo Club, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon. Entries will close on May 10.

FINE DISPLAY BY THE CANADIANS

By "Grandstand"

IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS of the International series, played off last Sunday, both China and India eked out narrow victories to qualify for the semi-finals, the former nosing out the Philippine Islanders by 4-3, and the latter just managing a 7-5 victory on a last-inning rally.

As expected, Portugal easily accounted for the Great Britain contingent by the large margin of 10-3.

Although Chinese hurler Herbie Quon limited the P.I. squad to only two scattered safeties, the verdict might very well have been different were it not for bone-head base-running, which resulted in a Chinese twin-killing snuffing out a Philippine uprising in the last stanza.

Quon set the pace from the start with his torrid heaves, which were hotter than the bowl of a two bit smoking pipe, as he whiffed the first three batters to face him, to chalk up a total of eight strikeouts for the tussle, but occasionally lost control of the horsehide and walked six, in addition to being charged with two wild pitches. Tatong Amper, who went the route for the Phillies, fanned four.

Chinese Score First

The Chinese opened the scoring in the initial chapter, when Wally Ching chased in Nip Lum with a triple, but died on the sacks.

The Islanders replied with a marker, when Idefonse drew a free ticket on the gravy train, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on third-sacker Bunn's fumble.

Despite the fact that Wally Ching tallied once more for the Chinese in the third, the Phillies took the lead in the fourth, when Bob Laurel and Tatong Amper dented the pay-off station on first-sacker Ross Mark's expensive wild heave to the plate.

The lead was short-lived as the Chinese took advantage of four P.I. miscues in the fifth to tally twice. In their last turn at bat, Bob Laurel trotted to first on four pitched balls to choke the bases with Filipinos with only one out.

Saturated with Ruthian ambitions, Lefty Amper ambled to the plate, but all he could produce was an infield pop which Wally Ching clamped his hands on.

Frankie Gonzalez, who was perched on second, went tearing to third with the crack of the bat, and was sheepishly called out as the ball was relayed to keystoneer Bill Chang.

Wally Ching hammered out the longest blow of the day with a triple, and also connected for a two-bagger in his three trips to the plate, whilst Loyola cracked out both of the Philippine safeties.

Canadians Weaken

The Canadians almost made headlines when they had the edge on the Indians for six frames, but busted wide open in the last chapter to finish at the short end of a 7-5 verdict.

Fielding almost the same team that wrested the title from Portugal last year, the Indians just couldn't do a thing in spite of the ragged eight-error Maple Leaf fielding, whilst Huokjai Kitchell just about pulled the game out of the fire for the Indians, in a dazzling performance at the windy alley, as he tossed out Gas Oliver and Bernie Johnson in the last frame with lightning pegs after third-sacker Sherry Bux had booted both chances.

The Canucks were blanked in the first two frames, but broke the ice, as Pullen started a three-run spurge with a double. He certainly wasn't pullin' his hits, as his mighty wallop went for two bases.

Both Marker Jr. and Baby Abbas connected safely two in three times with the hickory, whilst Pullen, Bill Ing and Cyclone Bakar were each good for a double apiece.

Kassa Nazarin, Sherry Bux and Baby Abbas completed the only double play of the fracas, when

they neatly erased Johnnie Fisher and Gas Oliver in the first heat.

Gosano's Fine Pitching

Portuguese slabster Gerry Gosano displayed championship calibre in returning a three-hitter against Great Britain's nine, who were eliminated from the series by 10-3.

Gosano fanned seven Britishers and walked one, while Jock Brown, toeling the rubber for the losers, whiffed two and passed three to first.

The Portuguese lads had the jump on the Britishers when they produced a cluster of five counters on four blows in the first frame, and clinched the issue with a three-run spurge in the final session on two safeties.

The first British tally crossed the pan in the fifth when Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard doubled and was chased in by George White's single to short centre, and added one more in each of the sixth and seventh heats.

Rookie Charlie Quinn socked the apple for a neat 1,000, which included a triple in his two batting turns, whilst short-stop George Souza's four in five was the next best.

British hindsnatcher Taylor handled Nick Beltrao's pop bunt neatly and caught Bertie Gosano off first for the only double erasure of the tilt.

LYCEUM BEAT VARSITY

Macao Lyceum beat the University by the single goal in a hockey encounter at Pokfulam yesterday. University fielded was their best team, but found the Macao students a better team. Trigo de Silva, Macao centre-half, scored in the first half.

MACAO LYCEUM—Rozario Liang; G. Noronha, A. Basto; G. Silva, Trigo de Silva, A. Leitao; H. Rocha, A. Basto Jr., G. Souza, A. Silva and Almeida.

UNIVERSITY—Lee Hau-fong; K. Y. Tam, N. H. Low; S. Ampla-vanar, Lee Chee-kun, T. T. Chin; Aziz Ahmed, D. Chollah, Hans Raj, N. Singh and Ho Hon-fah.



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SITUATION IN LIBYA ALREADY STABILISED

British Forces In Position To Give Battle

No Cause For Anxiety

THE SITUATION IN LIBYA IS NOW STABILISED ALTHOUGH FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON. THIS IS INDICATED BY NEWS RECEIVED FROM LIBYA, WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS IN CAIRO STATED LAST NIGHT.

Strong British forces have taken up positions to give battle in a most favourable strategic area and, even should the German command continue to flog its troops and vehicles to the limit in the Western Desert, there is no cause for anxiety.

German prisoners state they had been without food or water for two days and could no longer carry out instructions to push on as fast as possible.

With the British Air Force holding complete superiority in the air and continually bombing German supply positions, German forward units are becoming ragged.

The German Stuka dive-bombers are neither a match for the British Hurricane nor for British ground troops, who hold their fire until the low flying Nazi planes become targets that can hardly be missed.

Nazi Casualties

German casualties in vehicles are increasing hourly with the incessant destructive bombing of the R.A.F.

There is no doubt in the minds of the British Command of the result of the large scale clash between British Imperial forces and the Germans, even if the latter reach the positions chosen by the British Command. THESE DEFENCES WERE CONSTRUCTED TO HALT THE THREATENED ITALIAN ADVANCE LAST AUTUMN. THEY REMAIN INTACT AND STRONGER THAN EVER.

Troops returning from the desert to re-equip are in the highest spirits.

Optimism is the keynote of their descriptions of the situation, which is becoming more stable each day as our forces concentrate.

The Tobruk Clash

Regarding the situation in Libya the War Office has issued a communique which states: "In the repulse of the German attack at Tobruk on Monday about 200 German prisoners were taken and over 100 enemy were killed. At least 15 enemy tanks were destroyed. Our losses were eight."

"In the Sollum area, we inflicted losses on the enemy by patrol and artillery action."

"In Abyssinia, our advance was resumed towards Dessie while in the southern areas the vigorous pursuit of enemy detachments is being continued."—Reuter.

FIGHTING IN A SNOWSTORM

(Continued from Page 1)

was rendered necessary by the fact that the Greek defence line had to be linked up without leaving vulnerable points.

The Greek press generally emphasises that the withdrawal at Koritza was imposed by new circumstances and in no way diminishes the value of the fact that the heroic Greek army, which for about six months has astonished the world with its valour, conquered the Italians along the whole front and humiliated an empire of sixty millions which, for that six months, could claim no victory, and would have reaped no success if another empire of 80 millions scurrilously attacking Greece had not come to their aid.

Tank Engagement

Yesterday's Greek High Command communique confirms that the Koritza region has been evacuated and that there has been German pressure in the area west of Salonika.

The communique says: "Western Macedonia: there has been an engagement between armoured units in the Ptolemais region. German forces pushed towards Klissura, towards Kozani and towards Sitista (Klissura in Western Macedonia, is not to be confused with the town of the same name in Albania).—British Wireless."

"Source, Please!"

German forces, it is reported in New York, have broken through the centre of the Anglo-Greek front in northern Greece and have occupied a pass in the Sitista area.

This pass is said to command easier going in low-lying country. — Reuter.

[Source of this report, whether Allied or German, is not stated.]

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

British and Greek planes are "mercilessly" attacking German troop and supply concentrations in the Monastir area.

In north Greece, the German drive is pushing towards Kozani, Sitista and Klissura. — International News Service.

The Soviet Consulate-General in Shanghai, which was closed last October, is to be reopened shortly, according to the Chinese press quoting Japanese reports.

The revived Soviet Consulate-General, it is reported, will have a press attache, commercial counsellor, visa department, general affairs department and tribunal. — Reuter.

Twenty cases of cholera, with 24 deaths, were registered last week. During the same period there were 175 cases of tuberculosis with 153 deaths.

Yesterday, eight cases of cholera, seven from Victoria and one from Kowloon, were notified.

'QUAKE SHOCKS IN MEXICO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Two earthquake shocks did considerable damage in Mexico yesterday.

Ten were seriously injured in the capital, and five floors of the new Pontiac Automobile building collapsed.

The tremors were most intense in central and south-west Mexico. Chilpancingo and Inguila indicate considerable damage in preliminary reports. Numerous fires were caused in Mexico City and four factories on the outskirts were destroyed by fire. Vera Cruz is outside the danger zone.

A heat wave accompanied the quakes.—International News Service.

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EGYPT TO DECLARE WAR ON AXIS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

General Sir Archibald Wavell has called on the Egyptian Premier, in Cairo, for talks, which were attended by the Egyptian Defence Minister.

Recent reports have suggested the possibility of an Egyptian declaration of war against Italy and Germany. — International News Service.

U.S. NAVY INCREASE

THE BILL INCREASING THE OFFICER AND ENLISTED STRENGTH OF THE U.S. NAVY AND MARINE CORPS TO 232,000 WAS PASSED AND SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE BY THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

The Bill also authorises the President to acquire 200,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for national defence and to raise the number of men enlisted to 300,000 at his discretion. — Reuter.

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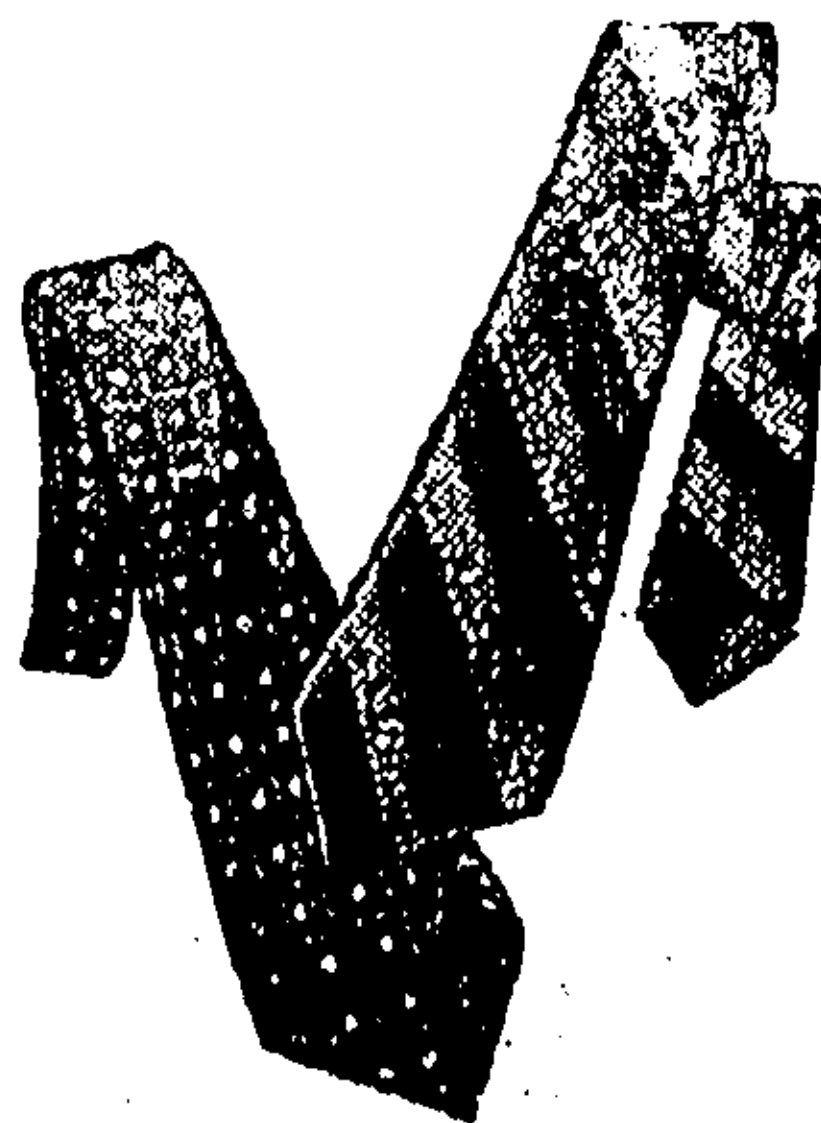
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